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Tests on donor blood 'fail to find Aids'

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

Aids blood tests, now being evaluated by the Department of Health and due to be introduced at transfusion centres later this year, are failing to identify many infected donors, according to a report in the Lancet yesterday.

The report came after the inquest on 20-month-old Antony Thorpe who died of Aids (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) at Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, after being given a contaminated blood transfusion in the United States.

As the baby's father, Mr Gerald Thorpe, from Sussex, was led weeping from the court the coroner, Dr Douglas Chambers, who recorded a verdict of death by misadventure, said he would be writing to the Department of Health's Chief Medical Officer, asking what was being done to prevent similar deaths.

The department is relying on blood transfusion centres being able to screen all donors with tests for antibodies to the virus being developed by US companies and one British team.

First reports on the tests from German researchers have shown that they have a high rate of false positives—they pick up people who are not carrying the virus.

The latest report, unsupported to doctors at a London School of Hygiene conference and published in the Lancet yesterday, shows that they are also failing to pick up true positives—in other words donations carrying the virus might slip through the net.

The Lancet says: "These German studies suggest that screening is not yet picking up many true positives in people not already at risk."

There is also evidence to show that the coat of the virus—the bit recognised by defensive antibodies in the blood stream—is also changing. That may mean, specialists fear, that a test based on a US sample of the virus may not identify the virus in Britain but no one knows for sure.

Nevertheless, doctors say, the tests should be introduced as a matter of urgency. Tests would have to be offered to people at risk to stop them giving blood, the Lancet reports.

No one has developed Aids after a blood transfusion in the UK, and the chances of anyone doing so are extremely remote, the Department of Health said. But blood specialists say it would be surprising if the virus had not infected blood supplies: two men and a pregnant woman developed antibodies to the virus after being given the blood of a man who later died of the disease. The mother and her baby are being monitored but neither has developed the disease.

Dr Robert Gallo, co-discoverer of the Aids virus, told the London meeting that 10-25 per cent of people with antibodies went on to develop some form of Aids-related illness, not necessarily the full-blown fatal disease.

Fourteen of the 72 American children who have died of Aids were infected by blood transfusions.

The death of Antony Thorpe brings the number of

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Two banks reduce base rates as pound makes new gains

No early cut in mortgage level

By Margaret Dibben and Peter Rodgers

Building society rates will stay high despite yesterday's half per cent cut in base rate by the Midland and Barclays banks, which takes them a quarter per cent below NatWest and Lloyds.

Receipts for March show that societies took in only £214 million, whereas they need £800 million a month to meet mortgage demand.

Expectations for April are that although the higher savings rates will bring in more money the total will still fall below the amount needed. Mr Richard Weir, secretary-general of the Building Societies Association, said that the figures provided ample evidence that societies had responded to increasing competition for the savings of the nation.

He added: "If societies do not pay their investors a competitive rate of interest they will be unable to meet mortgage demand. This could mean lengthy chains of frustrated purchasers, a fall in sales of new houses, and general uncertainty in the housing market."

Societies have found much of the money to lend to home buyers this month by using their reserves. Liquidity fell by three points to 17.4 per cent at the end of March, the lowest for years, and will fall still further this month as mortgage demand is reported to be very strong.

The March intake was the lowest since last August — and, more tellingly, £500 million less than in March last year. In the last two weeks societies have been vying with each other to offer ever higher rates to savers. This stemmed some of the outflow, but on present results inflow in April could be less than £500 million.

Advances during March were £2,046 million—the first month since November, when the winter slump began, in which loans have topped £2,000 million. New lending commitments rose to £2.3 billion, the highest figure since last June. Figures for April and May are expected to climb even higher.

The pound added to the gains it made on Thursday. But the Government refused to encourage the downward drift in base lending rates, following the Chancellor's policy of keeping interest rates high to raise the value of the pound and get money supply growth back under control.

The Bank of England ostensibly engineered money market shortages which led to the increase in the clearers' 10 per cent level of base rates set by NatWest and Lloyds.

Sterling gained 0.6 cents to $1.2530, after passing $1.26 before the base rate cuts knocked it back a little. The Bank of England's warning to slow the fall in base rates eventually helped sterling firm a little.

It also gained 0.2 to 78.4 per cent of its 1975 value against a basket of currencies, as markets remained nervous of the dollar because of continued troubles in the US banking system and the latest indications that US growth is turning down. The 0.2 per cent rise in the US producer prices index was lower than expected and had little effect.

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Nigel Hegarty leaving Belfast magistrates' court yesterday

Riot policeman 'killed man at 10ft with plastic bullet'

From Paul Johnson in Belfast

A CONSTABLE in the Royal Ulster Constabulary appeared in court in Belfast yesterday in connection with the shooting of Sean Downes, a Roman Catholic, who was hit by a plastic bullet during a republican rally last year.

Mr Downes, aged 22 was hit as police attempted to arrest Mr Martin Galvin, a leading official of the US-based Republican fund-raising group Noraid, who had earlier been banned from entering the UK.

Reserve Constable Nigel Hegarty, aged 27, whose address was given as Grosvenor Road Police Station, Belfast, was remanded in custody for a week by the resident magistrate but at a later High Court hearing he was granted bail.

During the second hearing, counsel for the Crown said police moved forward as Mr Galvin was introduced to a crowd outside Sinn Fein headquarters in west Belfast.

Constable Hegarty saw Mr Downes run forward, with a stick in his hand, towards two policemen who had their backs to him.



Sean Downes

The Crown claims that he fired his riot gun at a distance of about 10ft. Mr Downes subsequently died.

In an initial statement, Constable Hegarty said he had fired at a distance of between 20 and 25 yards. But, the court was told, he later told detectives: "When I first made my statement on the day after the incident, I was still quite confused and I said 20 or 25 yards from me when I fired. Since then I have given it some thought and I realise it was less than 25 yards and this person was running towards me when I fired."

Counsel said that police felt Constable Hegarty would comply with conditions for bail.

Counsel for Constable Hegarty said that the essential evidence would be a statement made by Constable

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Migrant rules may be published —Brittan

By Michael Morris

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, announced yesterday that a fundamental review has just begun of the instructions for immigration control staff, as part of a general strategy to provide for greater openness.

One of the issues to be considered in the review, he disclosed, was the possibility of producing volumes of instructions which might be in a form suitable for publication.

In a speech in Manchester, he was replying for the first time to criticisms in a 188-page report by the Commission for Racial Equality, which alleged that the immigration rules were racialist in operation.

Mr Brittan, addressing the annual conference of the UK Immigrants Advisory Service, rejected the views voiced by the CRE after its four-year investigation, that the rules were racialist and the government was too control-minded.

He said the figures hardly bore out an obsession with control, since in 1984 some 99.9 per cent of all passengers subject to control were admitted to the UK. Refusal rates varied but, even so, some 99 per cent of passengers from the Indian sub-continent were admitted.

However, after stressing that internal guidance was regularly adjusted, he said that a more fundamental review of the instructions produced for the staff of the immigration and nationality department was in progress.

It was fundamental that staff must perform their duties without racial discrimination. An issue to be discussed was provision for greater openness with the department's clients, the public, and those who had a particular contribution to make to discussion of immigration policies.

Open meetings with local communities and greater access for the media would continue. "These steps are now clearly established as features of the way in which the department will conduct its business in

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Next week

Monday

JINGLE ALL THE WAY
Some say commercial radio will die if the BBC takes ads. Some say the BBC will slump, too. But a leading figure argues that commercials on every channel—would give radio new life.

A BIGGER BYTE
Big time women entrepeneurs like Steve Shirley are rare. She started in the computing business with nothing and now employs 1,000 people. Guardian Women reports.

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Tuesday

CLASS OF THEIR OWN
Progress may be the watchword but "progressive" education is on the defensive. What is going on? Education Guardian investigates.

Wednesday

MUSIC OF THE SPAS
Every time you sip Evian water, you help sponsor a young musician. Edward Greenfield tunes in to the Water Music.

SONG AND DANCE
What's your average busker wearing nowadays? Guardian Women takes to the streets.

Fear on PM's health

By Patrick Keatley, Diplomatic Correspondent

Political colleagues expressed anxiety in London last night at reports from Colombo suggesting that Mrs Thatcher is beginning to show some of the physical strains of her whirlwind nine-day tour of seven Asian countries.

There is particular concern among Tory MPs about her eyes, although it was vigorously denied by officials travelling with the Prime Minister's party that there has been any recurrence of the trouble which necessitated her having medical treatment some weeks ago.

Observers travelling with her entourage reported from Colombo yesterday that she had developed a cold and according to one account was "clearly ill at ease" in the torrid heat of Sri Lanka.

Anxiety continues to be expressed discreetly in Tory circles about Mrs Thatcher's gaffe when, at a banquet in Indonesia, she referred to the country as Malaysia.

Mrs Thatcher's itinerary is particularly demanding. She will have zigzagged through 16 zones by the time she returns to London.

Sensing that her health was coming under scrutiny, however Mrs Thatcher hit back. Having polished off the 140-mile round trip by road into the mountains to the Victoria hydro project, she declared her readiness to continue in harness, telling reporters that she would "certainly like to have a third term" when her present term of office runs out.

In Singapore, the topic of health came up in talks with the prime minister, Mr Lee Kwan Yew, who mentioned his habit of taking a personal physician with him on journeys. But Mrs Thatcher declined this advice, declaring: "If I did, this I would probably end up looking after him."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

TGWU inquiry

A TGWU inquiry was announced yesterday into the way its general secretaryship ballot was conducted in Northern Ireland. Report, back page; Leader comment, page 10.

Oil 'go-ahead'

BP has been given permission to drill for oil on Furzey Island in Poole Harbour. Back page.

Howe snubbed

POLISH Ministers yesterday boycotted a British reception after Sir Geoffrey Howe had met Solidarity advisers. Page 4.

Hawker soars

HAWKER Siddeley announced an unexpected £14 million rise in pre-tax profits to £151.5 million. Page 17.

Lawyers 'on trial'

RADICAL barristers who represented striking miners face being tried by their own professional body. Page 2.

Cancer screening

X-RAY screening could cut the breast cancer death rate among older women by nearly a third. Page 3.

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Trade war fears bring talks closer

By John Hooper, Trade Correspondent

A new round of world trade talks is likely to be held in an attempt to offset the damaging effects of protectionism.

A number of international bodies have warned that trade barriers threaten to stifle the tentative recovery of the world's economy. The 24 member nations of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development—who make up the industrialised non-Communist world—last night called for the talks to be held as soon as possible.

However, ministers and officials attending the organisation's two-day annual meeting in Paris were unable to agree on a target starting date. There must now be fears that the new round will not begin soon enough to head off a trade war between the United States and Japan which could rapidly spread to the rest of the world.

Yesterday saw an uncharacteristic climbdown by the Americans in an attempt to heal the breach between the US and some Western European countries notably France. The US Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, announced that Washington could consider hosting a parallel meeting of key industrial nations to discuss ways of strengthening the international monetary system.

The French have argued for some time that the tariff and other barriers which have grown up since the end of the last world trade talks in 1979 are not the principle obstacle to trade. They have pointed instead to the strength of the dollar which, they say, is a consequence of an international monetary system in which speculative currency movements can cause violent fluctuations in the exchange rate.

Mr Willy de Clerq, the Common Market's Trade Commissioner, has publicly endorsed the call for talks in financial matters to be held in parallel with the negotiations on trade restrictions.

This move seems to have persuaded the Americans that the time had come to make concessions. Mr Baker said that the monetary reform meeting could begin any time after June and could base its work on the results of studies by the IMF's co-called "Group of Ten" finance ministers, which are due to end by then.

"The meeting could centre around one of the major conclusions that appear to be emerging from the studies . . . the need to strengthen IMF surveillance," he said.

France wanted the financial talks, like the trade talks, to include the developing countries. But its Finance Minister, Mr Pierre Berregovoy welcomed the US move.

However, it did not persuade the French of the need for a formal declaration that the talks should start next year. Nonetheless officials said it seemed likely the French would agree to a date early next month at the Bonn summit of the seven main industrial nations of the West.

The new trade talks would be held under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

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Convent sex bursts on US

From Alex Brummer in Washington

A book which lifts the habit on romance under the cloisters of America's convents has become a publishing sensation.

Lesbian Nuns — Breaking Silence, is a collection of reminiscences from 51 women, nine of whom are still bound by their vows, of sexual relations inside the nunnery. It is edited by two university teachers who are avowed lesbians and former nuns.

Published by a small feminist/lesbian publishing house in Florida, the work attracted little attention at first. But after the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston began to take an interest all that changed: now it is heading for the New York Times best seller lists.

Much of the book's success can be indirectly attributed to the actions of the Boston archdiocese which became worried by an interview with the authors in the Boston Globe. This mentioned that the two former nuns were soon to be featured on a local television show.

Father Peter Conley of Boston, concerned that this "pornographic" work should not gain further currency, appealed to the NBC station in Boston not to run the programme, arguing that it would be "an affront to the sensitivity of catholics." The television station, operating in a strongly Irish Catholic city, cancelled its broadcast.

But freedom of speech is seen as sacrosanct in the US, and the Church's action was seen as an assault on the First Amendment, which guarantees this freedom. The Boston globe took up the cudgels on behalf of the book and it has not looked back since.

The authors, Rosemary Curb, associate professor of English at Rollins College in Florida, and Nancy Manahan, until recently a teacher at Napa Valley College in California, have become television personalities.

This week they appeared on the nationally shown Donohue television show, and the book — which was only being carried in a network of gay and lesbian book stores throughout the country — has now moved to the front stands of the large book chains, Dalton and Waldenbooks.

Some 125,000 copies have come off the presses of the small Florida printing house. The demand has become so great that Warner Books this week paid a reputed six-figure sum for paperback rights, and will begin mass production of the work later this year.

Conduct warning to pit strike barristers

By Penny Choriton

Radical barristers who defended miners during the pits dispute face disciplinary action by their professional conduct committee for allegedly breaching Bar rules.

The misconduct charges include "touting," as barristers are not allowed to approach prospective clients but must be introduced to them by solicitors.

At least one barrister has been charged with touting and it is believed that several more may face other allegations of professional misconduct.

A letter sent to all heads of chambers by the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar warns that any barristers who attended general meetings held in the presence of National Union of Mineworkers officials, solicitors and others, before representing miners in the courts may have acted improperly.

Mr Michael Murray, the Senate secretary, yesterday declined to say how many Bar members had been issued with disciplinary proceedings.

It is believed that only barristers who travelled to mining areas to represent miners free will be charged.

The letter states: "It has been drawn to the attention of the Professional Misconduct Committee that last December there was a meeting attended by a number of barristers, solicitors and representatives of the NUM concerning the problems of defending miners on charges arising out of incidents associated with the recent strike. We believe there have been other such meetings.

"From what occurred at the meeting it is quite clear to the committee that there is a grave danger that any such meeting will give rise to serious professional impropriety." The letter cites eight ways in which Bar rules may have been breached.

These include breaching the "cab rank rule", under which barristers are obliged to take cases as they are presented to them, and not to pick and choose only clients of whom they approve.

They also include breaking the rules on confidentiality between barrister and client, prohibition of discussing case details with potential witnesses, and the right of the accused to choose how to plead.

The letter adds that several barristers left the December meeting—believed to have been in Nottinghamshire—as soon as they realised the position they might find themselves in.

"The committee wish to give their clear view that attendance by counsel at any such meeting should be avoided. It carries a wholly unacceptable risk of actions inconsistent with professional propriety," says the letter.

"It is inevitable that anyone who attends such a meeting in future will be at risk of having to answer a charge of professional misconduct."

One leftwing barrister who had attended such a meeting before representing a striking miner free said yesterday: "This letter seems to be saying that if you are a barrister, and if you believed in the miners' cause to such an extent that you represented them in court free—then you run the risk of being reported to the Bar and now face the prospect of being charged with professional misconduct.

"If this is the case, then the rules of the Bar have been subverted to suit the political views of top judges and the anti-trade unionists."

About 100 of the 5,000 barristers could be described as radical, and are mostly grouped in half a dozen London chambers.

Some leftwing lawyers believe that judges in strike areas were extremely annoyed to find themselves dealing with well-briefed London or Liverpool barristers defending striking miners.

According to the letter, the Professional Misconduct Committee apparently considered whether the special circumstances of the miners' strike justified such meetings. But it believed that they were "in no way necessary," since "the usual 'counsel only' meetings can be held to discuss cases where there are a number of defendants."

Local government bill 'puts council specialists at risk'

Lords fear for services after GLC abolition

By Seumas Milne

Local government scientific and technical services are threatened by plans to abolish the Greater London Council and the metropolitan counties, according to a report by the House of Lords science and technology committee.

The committee chairman Lord Cranbrook said yesterday that amendments would be put to the Local Government Bill, which is due for a second reading in the Lords on Monday to try to protect specialist laboratory services, waste disposal and traffic control departments, and computing centres.

The Government has suggested that the lower-tier boroughs and districts make voluntary arrangements to provide these services. But Lord Cranbrook said such an option would be "inefficient." Statutory joint boards were needed to maintain what were "centres of excellence."

Yesterday's interim report was published after the select committee's concern that the legislation's potential impact on scientific and technical services in the big cities had been overlooked.

The report suggests various administrative options to maintain services on the current scale. It calls for strategic transport authorities to replace passenger transport boards; a joint authority for highways and traffic for Greater London; and single authorities for waste disposal in the capital and the metropolitan counties.

"Essential amenities of urban life in Greater London and the English metropolitan counties depend" on local government's scientific and technical capacity, says the committee.

"The top-tier urban authorities' waste disposal departments and the GLC's scientific services branch are described as 'centres of excellence," and as such "are slow to develop but easy to destroy."

The committee believes that most of the scientific and technical services strengths are attributable to economies of scale. If they are devolved to the boroughs and the districts, lower salaries will lead to a loss of top professionals.

Also singled out is the authorities' work in the field of highways engineering and urban traffic control.

Mr John Gunnell, leader of the Labour-controlled West Yorkshire County Council, last night described the report as a "timely bombshell" for the Government.

"It is inevitable that any independent report investigation will reveal serious flaws in the abolition plans," he said. Desperate measures were needed to preserve services of such quality.

Mr Simon Turney, chairman of the GLC's public services committee, said that only an overall authority such as that of County Hall would maintain health and safety standards where millions of people were concerned. But the select committee was right that "effective administration of local government depends on preserving the integrity of many of the specialist services built up by the GLC and the county councils."

Miners' NEC may escape fines

By Patrick Wintour, Labour Staff

The miners' union may change its rules to indemnify members of its executive from court fines and legal action.

Most of the executive currently face legal action by working miners to take them personally liable to repay a £200,000 contempt fine imposed on the union. The rule change, proposed by the executive, is part of a comprehensive review of the NUM rule book which will be put to the annual conference this summer.

The proposed change suggests that "every member of the national executive shall be entitled to be indemnified by the union in respect of every act done as such a member, which is accordance with the union's rules or otherwise, so long as such as act was done with the prior or subsequent consent of the conference or national executive.

"For the purposes of this rule, the word 'act' shall include the not doing, or failing to do, something as well as doing anything."

Legal rulings during the miners' strike showed that union officials could be liable to repay sums expended by the union outside the union's rules.

The executive will tell the conference that "this new rule has been drafted by leading counsel to ensure that the union does not have to encounter the same difficulties as in the 1984/85 dispute. We strongly advise that the rule be accepted as written."

A separate suggested rule change has been drawn up to deal with the dismissal of officials by area unions — such as the recent contested sacking of Mr Henry Richardson, the leftwing general secretary of the Nottinghamshire miners' union.

The executive is proposing that an area official cannot be dismissed or suspended unless a resolution to that effect is passed first by a two-thirds majority of a special area council taken on a card vote. That resolution must be reconfirmed by a two-thirds majority on a card vote, at a specially convened area conference. The resolution must also be confirmed by a majority of two-thirds in a ballot.

These proposals will make area officials more answerable to the national union, thereby reducing the union's federal structure. However, Mr Justice Mann ruled on April 2 that the Nottinghamshire area union executive was entitled to dismiss Mr Richardson on the grounds that it had no confidence in him.

A third rule change proposed by the national executive is designed to make area rules more subservient to national ones. The national executive suggests that "the rules of each area and constituent association shall be model rules, and any amendment thereto shall automatically become an amendment to the rules of each area and constituent association . . . national rules shall be deemed to be part of area rules."

Finally, the national executive is proposing a new form of associate membership of the NUM. The rule reads. "Associate members shall be all those persons who, in the opinion of the NEC, are suitable to be associate members and who are admitted to associate membership by the NEC."



FIGHTING FAMILY: During the Sovereign's Parade at Sandhurst the Queen presents the sash of honour to the top woman cadet, Nichola Vickers, whose father and grandfathers were generals. Picture by Frank Martin

Parents 'replace absent teachers in pay dispute'

By Andrew Moncur, Education Staff

Unpaid helpers, including out-of-work teachers, are being used to undermine industrial action in schools, it was alleged yesterday.

The growing use of parent volunteers came under attack at the annual conference of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers at Torquay.

Attempts have allegedly been made to use volunteers to cover for absent teachers and to blunt the effect of disruptive action taken by union members in support of their pay claim.

However, an attempt to compel teachers to refuse to work with volunteers performing professional duties was blocked by a procedural move. The executive had appealed to the delegates not to force it into action at a time when it was already locked in the pay dispute.

Instead, the conference deplored the underfunding of education, particularly in primary schools, which had led to volunteers being used "in roles which are properly the province of professionals."

A union survey has shown that up to 50 unpaid and unqualified helpers are being used in single schools. The volunteers are taking children for remedial maths, swimming, cookery, needlework, religious education, and crafts — and many more are being used to hear children read.

"In one school, a grandmother was listening to a child read notwithstanding that she herself was illiterate," said Mr James Warren, an executive member.

"For teachers to work alongside unpaid volunteers while there are 4 million unemployed in this country is an obscenity."

In a separate development, the union's officials were ordered to think again about banking with Barclays because of its link with South Africa.

The delegates, meeting in private session, decided after an emotional debate to call on senior officials to prepare a report on the bank for their 1986 conference.

The NAS/UWT keeps £500,000 on deposit with Barclays' branch in Hemel Hempsted. Its business transactions through the bank amount to about £3 million a year and individual local associations use Barclays for their separate accounts. The union also holds £7,000 invested in Barclays ordinary £1 shares.

Mr Leonard Cooper, the national treasurer, outlined Barclays policy in South Africa, including its employment of 7,000 Coloured people and 125 bank managers drawn from the Coloured community.

● The management side in the teachers' pay dispute is to meet at the "earliest possible date." The leader of the 27-strong management team, Mr Philip Merridale said yesterday. He had been pressed to call a meeting early next week. But management sources said yesterday that the earliest date was next Friday.

There are signs that the meeting of the management side could be marked by serious disagreements between the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities and the Tory-dominated Association of County Councils.

Higher insurance bill 'puts jobs in jeopardy'

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

Firms may have to shed staff or halt recruitment to meet the increases in employers' national insurance contributions for the higher paid, it was claimed yesterday.

Sir John Hoskyns, the director-general of the Institute of Directors, has written to Mr Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary, urging him to phase in the higher contributions, announced in the budget over the next three years.

His letter follows growing protests from industry, newspaper proprietors, and television companies about the decision to abolish the ceiling for employers' contributions.

The move will bring in £800 million to offset the £1,150 million which will be lost to the Government when it cuts national insurance contributions for those earning less than £90 a week.

Sir John says in his letter: "The redistribution of the tax burden most adversely affects many of the sorts of business which are crucial to the capacity of this country to create more wealth in the future: small computer software houses and small firms of specialist 'know-how' consultants who are very highly paid because their skills are desperately needed.

"At the other end of the scale, companies such as ICI and STC will have to pay an extra £4.5 million and £7.5 million respectively."

He warned that these companies "will probably not take on any more unskilled staff, and may indeed have to shed such staff in order to pay the extra national insurance contribution on the skilled staff who are least dispensable."

A spokesman for Standard Telephone and Cables said yesterday: "We are very worried about the extra charges, which will cost our firm millions of pounds. It will either have to come out of research and development, or we will have to review our recruitment."

The contributions affect all people earning over £13,780 a year.

OBITUARY

Guinness artist

JOHN GILROY, the advertising artist who created the Guinness toucan, died on Thursday, aged 86. From 1930, when his first Guinness poster went onto the hoardings, until 1961 his famous signature became synonymous with excellence in advertising art.

His most celebrated poster, designed in 1934 for the slogan "Guinness for strength," showed a workman blithely carrying a massive girder on his head. A masterpiece of poster design, it combined a persuasive sales pitch with the quirky sense of humour which became the hallmark of Guinness advertising.

Other classic poster designs included the sea lion who ran off with the zoo-keeper's glass of Guinness, the ostrich who swallowed a Guinness — glass and all—and the unforgettable toucan ("Just think what toucan do").



Frank Gilroy — classic posters

SA ambassador meets Ulster's political leaders

From Paul Johnson in Belfast

The South African ambassador to the UK, Mr Dennis Worrall, met the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, during a trip to the province, it emerged yesterday.

The unscheduled meeting with Mr Douglas Hurd lasted only minutes and Mr Worrall said yesterday that security matters were not discussed. The ambassador also denied meeting any representatives of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the British Army or the Ulster Defence Regiment on his three-day trip.

Although the visit to the province had been described as private, Mr Worrall emphasised yesterday that he had travelled in his official capacity to meet as wide a range of politicians and community leaders as possible.

During a press conference in Belfast yesterday he said he would have been willing to sit down and talk with Sinn Fein, but contacts had been set up by the Northern Ireland Office and it chose not to include Sinn Fein in the itinerary.

"It is my responsibility to meet all political parties which operate legally in the Northern Ireland situation," Mr Worrall said.

Asked to compare the situations in Northern Ireland and South Africa, he said the differences outweighed the similarities.

"I would not attempt to draw any major parallels. Fundamentally, it is a political problem and a question of how to accommodate different identities," he said.

"That seems to be an important part of the problem in Northern Ireland and certainly a very important part of the South African situation."

The leaders of the Alliance Party and the nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party declined to meet Mr Worrall but he did see officials from the Democratic and Official Unionist Parties as well as being briefed by a senior official at the Northern Ireland Office. The ambassador said he had also met Roman Catholic community leaders.

Two killed in house fires

A woman died yesterday trying to save her four-year-old son from their blazing house in Ipswich. Mrs Rita Harvey, aged 40, was found huddled with her son, Justin, in the bathroom, at Kelly Road, overcome by smoke and fumes. Justin was later said to be poorly but stable in Ipswich Heath Road Hospital.

An eight-year-old boy, Steven Palto, died in a blazing bedroom at his home in Brighton yesterday. His parents managed to rescue their daughters Sarah, 10 and Kirsty, 18 months, from the house in Fountains Close.

Kinnock joins in criticism of Thatcher

By James Naughtie, Political Correspondent

MR NEIL KINNOCK joined the chorus of criticism over Mrs Thatcher's Far East tour yesterday when he accused her of using it to parade her prejudices and defame the British people.

The Labour leader said in Carlisle: "No wonder she has become the Prime Minister who goes just about anywhere in the world and almost nowhere in her own country."

Labour leaders had seized happily on the alleged gaffes perpetrated by the Prime Minister in her whirlwind tour, and Mr Kinnock and Mr Denis Healey, the shadow foreign secretary, yesterday produced another assortment of similes in their enthusiasm.

Mr Healey said the Prime Minister's foot had been in her mouth throughout the tour: "Rhoda the Rhino has never had a more ruinous rampage." Mr Kinnock, on the other hand, compared Mrs Thatcher to a ball skidding around on a pin table.

He said that if travelling was supposed to broaden the mind it was obviously not working with Mrs Thatcher. "Twice this week Mrs Thatcher has said that running a country is like bringing up children. That might be the style of government in the company she has been keeping. It won't do here."

Labour and Alliance MPs believed that Mrs Thatcher's trip has provided them with considerable ammunition with which to attack her style. They are critical of her for appearing too regal and for seeming to make policy on the run.

Mr Kinnock said yesterday that it was clumsy arrogance in Mrs Thatcher which made her use the tour "to advertise the problems which she has worsened and deepen the hostilities which she has created."

Defiant Sheffield defers rate decision

By David Rose

Sheffield City Council decided yesterday to continue to defer the making of its rate and to carry on with the strategy of illegal non-compliance with the Government which half the 16 rate-capped authorities have abandoned.

It was becoming clear last night that councils and individual councillors who follow this policy may soon be at risk from legal action, not only from surcharge if their authorities incur additional expenditure but also from contempt of court sanctions.

In Sheffield, the decision to defer making a rate was approved unanimously by the Labour group.

The council leader, Mr David Blunkett, a member of Labour's national executive, said last night that where there was bitterness within the party, people should remember that not setting a rate was "only a tactic."

Despite the number of councils which had abandoned the policy, it had achieved its main objective, he said, placing rate-capping on the national political agenda.

The London borough of Haringey yesterday became the eighth rate-capped Labour council to agree to set a rate, approving a budget within the Government's limit yet allowing for a small amount of growth.

The Haringey rate emerged at 4 a.m. yesterday, after an acrimonious council session, punctuated by shouts and missiles from demonstrators.

Mr George Meehan, the Labour group and council leader, and his deputy, Ms Angela Greatley, resigned at earlier group meetings, and Labour was split, with half its 34 members refusing to set a rate.

The Conservatives' 22 votes helped to defeat the no-rate motion, and a rate was later approved.

The acting group leader, Mr Tony Harris, said the 15 per cent increase — an extra £1.90 a week to the average Haringey householder — would protect services and jobs.

With £11 million obtained from capital funds by "creative accounting" some growth was possible.

Mr Blunkett said yesterday he remained hopeful that a meeting between rate-capped councils and the Environment Secretary, Mr Patrick Jenkin, might soften the Government's attitude.

Privately, however, it is understood that most Labour authorities expect few concessions.

Mr Blunkett conceded that a court case concerning the London borough of Hackney on Tuesday might allow contempt proceedings against those refusing to set rates.

Two weeks ago Mr Justice Woolf told Hackney that by Tuesday it must set a rate or give assurances of doing so within a reasonable period.

If the judge now made a firm order which the council ignored, contempt of court proceedings would almost inevitably follow. Similar cases are being prepared against other rate-capped councils.

BR warning to union

By our Labour Staff

Leaders of the National Union Railwaymen have been summond to a meeting with British Rail management on Monday, where they will be warned that BR will seek damages against the union if it goes ahead with next week's one-day strike in Scotland without a ballot.

The NUR has called the strike on Wednesday at the request of two branches angry at the proposed rundown of Scotland's last big railway engineering workshops at Springburn, Glasgow. More than 1,200 jobs will be lost, but the NUR believes that 700 other jobs at the works are also threatened by the introduction of the more reliable class 150 train.

British Rail is not expected to seek an injunction before the strike, but will tell the union leaders that the NUR will expose itself to a damages claim from BR of up to £250,000 if no secret ballot of the NUR's 12,000 Scottish membership is held.

A well supported strike would not only hit Scottish train services, but also have a knock-on effect on the English InterCity service.

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Suddenly, everyone wants to launch a newspaper

No fewer than five parties are trying to scoop their rivals by getting their title on, and off, the presses first. Martin Wainwright reports

FIVE new titles are under consideration by newspaper groups for launching within the next two years.

The latest possibility is a joint venture between Irish newspaper publishers and their counterparts in the East Midlands, who have held preliminary—and sketchy—discussions about a new national daily using colour printing and aimed primarily at housewives.

The Irishmen involved are from the Sunday World, a folksy tabloid with a lot of colour printing. The paper has the largest sale of any in Ireland and belongs to the Irish Independent group, owned by former rugby international, Dr Tony O'Reilly.

Mr Bartle Pitcher, chief executive of the group, said yesterday that the Irish Independent was not officially involved in the move, which was a "private initiative" by a couple of his colleagues connected with the Sunday World.

Much less nebulous is the Messenger, the provisional title chosen by Mr Eddie Shah of the Messenger Group in Warrington for a national daily priced at 17p, printed in colour at five provincial centres, and using a new distribution network based on local franchisees.

Mr Shah says that he has raised £20 million for the venture and has paid a £1.5 million deposit on five presses, with the £6.2 million balance guaranteed by the international branch of Hungary's national bank.

Rupert Murdoch's London Post is the probable second runner, with News Group anxious to find daytime work for the presses at the £72 million plant it has built in east London. The paper is intended to start on a £10 million budget as a London rival to the existing Standard, expanding to become a 24-hour paper, with morning and evening editions selling nationally, if all goes well.

No launch date is likely to be fixed until negotiations, already in their third year, continue with unions over the intended move of the group's Sun and News of the World to the new plant. Different reasons lie behind a similar delay at Robert Maxwell's Mirror Group Newspapers over the launch of the Evening Mirror.

This is intended to take on the London evening market as a free paper, printed in colour with considerable new technology involved.

Maxwell's paper would be expected to take a Labour and radical line, something it would share with the fifth proposal, the News on Sunday. The main name behind this is an exile from the Mirror, Mr Clive Thornton.

Mr Thornton, who has developed a private interest in cattle breeding, is concentrating on raising £4.5 million through trade union sources as well as the traditional pension funds and private investors.

Mr Thornton probably has the most uphill struggle of the would-be Lord Coppers, but he has talked recently of 56 pages, tabloid format, a target of 450,000 readers, and 60 per cent ownership by employees and a trust.

PRINT workers at the Wolverhampton Express and Star yesterday voted to risk dismissal by ignoring a management ultimatum to return to normal working by Monday, writes Patrick Wintour.

Mr Bob Tomlins, the national officer of the National Graphical Association, called for talks next week supervised by the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service, Acas. It is possible that the Newspaper Society, the provincial newspaper employers' organisation, will attempt to persuade management to defer any sackings to allow negotiations to go ahead.

Seventy-eight union members were suspended seven weeks ago after they had refused to work direct input into the classified advertising department, thereby sidestepping the traditional role of the compositor.

At the News, Portsmouth, a settlement in the four-month new technology dispute seemed likely last night after journalists accepted revised management proposals on job security.



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Screening 'could cut death toll by a third'

Government urged to expand breast cancer X-ray service

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

A fullscale X-ray screening service for breast cancer could cut the death toll from the disease among older women by almost a third, according to a survey published yesterday.

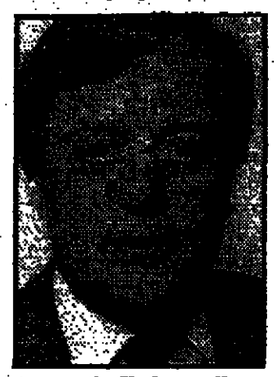
The health minister, Mr Kenneth Clarke, immediately promised a wide-ranging review of screening facilities, but ducked doctors' demands that he should fund a national computerised system for women at risk to be tested.

About 20,000 women a year develop breast cancer with, 12,600 dying in 1983, more than from any other form of the disease.

An early diagnosis reduced the chance of the cancer cells spreading to other parts of the body, and increases the possibility of a cure. Mastectomy as a form of treatment is gradually being replaced by lumpectomy, the removal of the tumour itself. Drug treatment has also improved.

Until now specialists have disagreed on the merits of X-ray screening or mammography, but the results of the eight-year Swedish study, involving more than 130,000 women and published in the Lancet yesterday, are regarded as all but conclusive.

The Swedish team used mammograms to screen women aged 40-74 every two or three years. Deaths from breast cancer were reduced by 31 per cent and cases of advanced breast cancer were reduced by a quarter.



Kenneth Clarke: policy to be reviewed

Screening services in Britain need urgent improvement and expansion, says the Lancet in a leading article. There is no longer much dispute that early detection and treatment can alter the course of the disease. The new survey also confirms other findings that mammography is more effective than clinical examination.

Women at risk should be invited for screening through computerised records of local family practitioner committees. "Let us hope that the Government will provide additional funds for this life-saving cause, rather than expecting health authorities to divert resources from areas of pressing need," the Lancet says.

Specialists were sceptical of Mr Clarke's promise of an inquiry. The minister's own cervical cytology committee of experts recommended the same computerised system for cervical cancer screening four years ago but it had still not been set up. The Imperial Cancer Research Fund has calculated that it would cost around £16 million to computerise family practitioner committees.

"This study requires us to carry out a major review of policy on the availability of mammography and its role in screening," Mr Clarke said.

"We plan to bring together experts to advise us on the policy we might adopt and suggest a strategy for its implementation. We hope we can assemble such a group quickly, and that they will be able to formulate their advice in a few months."

But, he went on: "We need to study the consequences of any changes in policy. This will have to include the assessment of the financial, manpower, and other resource implications and consideration of a realistic timetable for implementation."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Esso's lead is followed

THE other leading oil companies yesterday followed Esso's lead and put up prices. The increases taking the price of a typical gallon of four-star to 204.6p will take effect from midnight tomorrow.

Only two weeks ago the same companies, again led by Esso, cut the price to below £2.

Inquest opens into boy, 10

WAYNE Keeton, whose body was found in the river Leen at Nottingham on Sunday, had a chest injury and strangulation marks, a pathologist said at an inquest which was opened and adjourned yesterday.

Wayne, aged 10, of Goathland Close, Bestwood Park Estate, Nottingham, was dying, if not already dead, when he went into the river several days before, Dr Stephen Jones, a Home Office pathologist, told the Nottinghamshire coroner Mr John Langham. A 21-year-old labourer has been charged with murder.

Welsh language protesters freed

TWO leading members of the Welsh Language Society were freed from prison yesterday and immediately renewed calls for the Government to set up a development body to promote Welsh language education.

Mr Dafydd Lewis, a 31-year-old research student from Aberystwyth, and Ms Meinir Ffransis, aged 34, served two months after being convicted of causing £5,000 damage to equipment and files at the Conservative Party's Welsh headquarters in Cardiff.

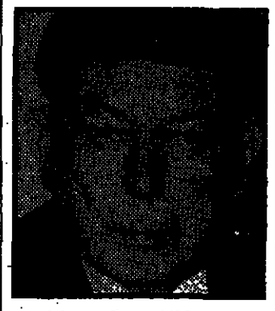
Social worker's job confirmed

A COUNCIL has reaffirmed its decision to appoint a senior social worker involved in the case of the battered child Jasmine Beckford as its director of social services.

Mr Dennis Simpson, aged 40, will take up his £26,000 a year appointment with the London borough of Southwark on Monday.

Future governor to visit Falklands

THE Falklands governor-designate, Gordon Jewkes, who is currently consul-general in Chicago, is going on a 10-day visit to the islands.



JUDGE Brian Gibbens QC, (above), retired at the Old Bailey after 50 years at the Bar.

Judge Gibbens, aged 72, a former recorder of West Bromwich and Oxford, was leading counsel for the army during an inquiry into the shooting of civilians in Londonderry in 1972.



Yehudi Menuhin at the Royal Festival Hall, London, yesterday, where he met competitors for the second Yehudi Menuhin International Violin Competition, which began later in Folkestone and ends next Saturday. The 48 competitors are all under 20. Picture by Simon Grosset

Parks staff boycott work survey

By Martin Wainwright

Staff in the award-winning garden department at Regent's Park, London, plan to refuse to co-operate with a £50,000 survey of their work, which they see as the first step towards privatisation of their jobs.

The three-month study begins on Monday, and its brief requires a look at "alternative options for getting the work done." The Environment Department recently contracted out playground and lavatory attendants' jobs in Regent's Park to Exclusive Cleaners, who take over in June.

The department said it was astonished at the threat not to co-operate as the decision to commission the survey had only been carried out after extensive discussions with the trade union side. Officials believe that misunderstandings may have arisen which they hope to iron out on Monday.

Gardeners and other staff in the royal parks are traditionally cautious on industrial relations, and have only been on strike once, for half a day. The somewhat feudal nature of the job, with bird-keepers, tree-fellers and a vine-keeper, is reinforced by the fact that almost all the staff enjoy it.

"If they wanted to take more people on, we could get on the phone to ex-staff and they'd be back tomorrow," said one gardener. Service of 20 or 30 years is not uncommon.

But the workforce in the 10 parks has been reduced steadily by natural wastage from 615 in 1981 to 479. Unease at the cuts and alarm at the possibility of privatisation have increased union numbers.

In Regent's Park, staff left the General, Municipal and Boilermakers' Union last year for the Transport and General Workers' Union, which they saw as stronger. The GMBATU numbers fell from 47 to three while TGWU membership rose from two to 70, out of a workforce of 79.

Union representatives will meet the consultants, Inbucon of Esher, Surrey, on Monday, but have decided on a policy of non-cooperation. One gardener said that they would ask the consultants why they were there, but that they already knew the answer: to pave the way for privatisation.

The Environment Department said privatisation was not being considered at this stage, and that the survey was a pilot study aimed at seeing how the standards of the park could best be maintained. The consultants' brief describes the use of private contractors as an "open question."

British setback in sea dumping report

By Paul Brown

A scientific study of the effects of dumping nuclear waste in the sea, to be published next week, is expected to recommend further research — an unwelcome result for the British Government, which is eager to resume ocean disposal of the large and increasing quantities stored on land.

The lack of firm conclusions in the 180-page report, which pools all current scientific knowledge on the environmental impact of dumping, reflects the failure of scientists to agree on the long-term effects of low eve radioactivity on sea creatures.

The report was prepared by a group of independent scientists for the International Maritime Organisation. The IMO acts as the secretariat of the London Dumping Convention, which controls sea disposal.

Scientists and politicians will draw up recommendations on the report for the full meeting of the convention in September.

Nuclear nations, particularly Japan and Britain, are anxious to resume dumping as the easiest way of getting rid of large quantities of low level waste.

Non-nuclear nations, particularly those whose coasts are closest to the proposed dump sites, such as Spain, are likely to continue opposing sea disposal on the grounds that it cannot be proved.

Britain wants to continue using a dump site in the Atlantic 500 miles from Land's End and the Spanish coast.

Since Britain was forced to stop dumping because of the action of National Union of Seamen two years ago the waste has been stored at Harwell.

Pressure for land disposal or resumed sea disposal is building up but the Government has been unable to produce a sufficiently independent scientific report supporting its case.

The Government-TUC Holliday Report, published in December, recommended further work and a continued dumping moratorium until sea disposal could be proved the best environmental option.

Dr Manfred Nauke, of the International Maritime Organisation, said: "At the end of the day the decision to dump or not will be a political rather than a scientific one."

● Britain is lifting for repair an international telephone cable which runs through the nuclear dumping ground off northern France used between 1971 and 1976.

The International Maritime Organisation has warned the London Dumping convention countries of the work.

Dr Nauke said that member countries were not being warned because of any danger but because the disturbance to the sea bed might distort research work.

Rebel drug firms may be made to cut prices

By Andrew Veitch

The Government may force rebel drug companies to cut prices, the Health Minister, Mr Kenneth Clarke, said yesterday.

He confirmed that "one or two" companies had raised drug prices, despite the industry's agreement to reduce profits on sales to the NHS by 2.5-3 per cent.

He warned the rebel firms: "We do have legal powers to insist on reducing price levels. We would use our statutory powers if we felt it was essential to protect the health service."

His warning followed yesterday's Guardian report that some drug firms were refusing to cut prices, saying that they deserved price rises to offset the losses incurred by the introduction of the limited drugs list.

Mr Clarke has repeatedly told the firms that they will not be allowed to raise prices and negate his intended savings of £70 million on the limited list and £45 million as a result of the reduced profit target.

Mr Clarke added: "One or two companies have raised the prices of minor products.

A deal under which firms would have cut prices now and applied for rises in July on the basis of changing financial circumstances, has collapsed.

Reckitt and Coleman, one of three firms reported to have raised prices, denied yesterday that it had joined the rebels.

Mr Mark Foster, the managing director of the firm's pharmaceutical division, said: "We have reduced our prices in line with our reduced profit target. We have not increased the prices of NHS products, we have only increased the *prices of products outside* the control of the Government. We are not one of the companies in rebellion."

Sellafield pollution test

By a Correspondent

Pollution tests centred on the Sellafield nuclear plant in West Cumbria will begin next week.

Meteorological Office officials will release tracer gas from a 200-ft high chimney at the reprocessing plant. Scientists will then use a Hercules aircraft fitted with an intake tube to suck in samples of the gas over the Lake District.

The Hercules, from Farnborough, will cover an area from Morecambe Bay in the south to Carlisle in the north, and from the Irish Sea to the Eden Valley, Durham.

The plane will begin the tests next Tuesday, weather permitting. A specially equipped vehicle will carry out similar tests along the M6.

The tests, which will last until mid-May, will help in weather forecasting and help to indicate how animal diseases such as foot and mouth can spread.

Two are sentenced for killing badger

By a correspondent

Two teenagers were sentenced to three months' custody by Croydon magistrates yesterday after they had admitted killing a badger to add to their collection of stuffed animals.

Mark Starks, aged 19, was sent to a detention centre and Andrew Hull, 18, was sentenced to youth custody. Both live in Old Coulsdon, Surrey.

Both admitted stopping the badger by blinding it with a spotlight. Their three lurcher dogs attacked and killed it before they could stop them, they said. They then cut off the badger's head, intending to mount it. They claimed they had been rabbiting.

Police and RSPCA officers who raided the youths' homes, found the trophy, a bird of prey which was still alive, and a stuffed song thrush, a buzzard, two starlings, and a squirrel which had already been mounted.

The chairman of the bench, Mr George Mitchell said: "This court is horrified to hear of the grisly activities that you two young men perpetrated. We have heard of the callous way in which you treated these animals. We believe you will not respond to anything other than a custodial sentence."

At an earlier hearing they pleaded guilty to killing the badger, possessing a buzzard and having a dead song thrush — a protected bird.

Hull also admitted possessing a cosh, going equipped to steal, and theft of petrol, with 50 similar offences of petrol syphoning to be taken into consideration.

Starks also admitted possessing a shotgun without a certificate. Both youths were ordered to pay £100 costs, and an order was made that their dogs be sold by the RSPCA.

Magistrates gave instructions for the shotgun to be confiscated and destroyed, and other items seized.

Union to expel two after claims of ballot-rigging

Two engineering union members — one a Labour councillor — are to be expelled after a six-month investigation into allegations of ballot-rigging in Birmingham, it was announced yesterday.

An internal inquiry by the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers began after 16 members attended an Acocks Green branch meeting but 36 votes were cast in a ballot for president of the union's Birmingham South district.

A leftwing councillor, Mr Les Byron, received 34, and two went to sitting president, Mr Bob Blakemore, who was eventually re-elected.

The union's Birmingham south district secretary, Mr Ernie Hunt, said yesterday that district leaders had agreed that Mr Alec Taylor, a west Midland's county councillor and Acocks Green branch secretary, and a teller in the election, Mr Harold Randell, should be expelled.

Mr Taylor, who is understood to have recently retired as a toolmaker, could not be contacted at his home in Acocks Green yesterday.

Mr Hunt said no action would be taken against Mr Frank Carter, the Acocks Green branch president, who is Birmingham's Lord Mayor-elect.

There was insufficient evidence to show beyond a reasonable doubt Mr Carter's involvement in ballot-rigging, he said.

Mr Carter, who is unemployed, said he would complain to the union's national executive about how the investigation was carried out. He was disappointed at not being completely cleared, but would not quit as Lord Mayor-elect.

Mr Hunt said police would not be brought in. He added that rigging risks had meant fewer branch ballots and more by post.

Radio areas extended

By Dennis Barker

The Independent Broadcasting Authority, which is launching plans to make it easier for independent local radio stations to expand into new areas during a lean time for the industry, announced yesterday that Southampton would be included in the scheme later this year.

The scheme would later take in Basingstoke, Andover, Londonderry, Shrewsbury and Telford, the IBA said.

Each of the areas will be grafted on to an existing franchise area at the end of the current franchise period — Portsmouth will take in Southampton, Reading will take in Basingstoke and Andover, Belfast will take in Londonderry, and Wolverhampton will take in Shrewsbury and Telford.

Under the new scheme any company which wants to tender for one of the enlarged areas will have to find the capital for its transmitters and studios. Derby is already being brought into the Nottinghamshire area under the scheme.

Bomb attack

A fire-bomb was thrown yesterday at a building where a Fijian Army rugby team was sleeping. The police say the milk bottle, containing a chemical, possibly petrol, smashed a window and caught light but fell to the ground outside. Nearly 40 players were staying at the Afan Lido in Port Talbot but none of the men in the dormitory was injured.

Peace protester faces gaol over Revenue bill

By Paul Brown

A 67-year-old peace campaigner refusing to pay tax towards armaments faces imprisonment after a change in tactics by the Inland Revenue.

The courts in previous years granted the right to send in bailiffs and auction Mr Arthur Windsor's belongings until his tax debt was paid.

This year the Revenue decided to serve an order threatening gaol or bankruptcy. Judge Bernard Braithwaite at Gloucester county court yesterday gave the retired librarian three weeks to pay the £109 tax and costs or go to prison for 21 days. He did not proceed on the bankruptcy.

Mr Windsor, who says he has a moral right to insist that taxes are not spent on armaments, told the court: "We want to see a change in the law to allow us to say that we want our money used for peaceful purposes." Mr Windsor of Brunswick Square, Gloucester, said he had abandoned plans to appeal further against the initial judgment of a county court registrar.

After the hearing, which was attended by about 50 peace campaigners. He said: "The prospect of gaol does no terrify me. The revenue will never get their money that way, no matter how many times I am sent inside."

Campaign to shed light on computer law

By Peter Large, Technology Correspondent

AN official guide to computer privacy laws was launched yesterday — backed by a telephone inquiry service. About 250,000 copies of the guide are being distributed at a cost to the taxpayer of around £40,000.

But the guide will be of immediate value only to commerce and industry. It will not benefit the private citizen until at least September 1987, when the Data Protection Act of 1984 comes into force, allowing individuals to check that personal information held in computer databanks is accurate and being used only for lawful purposes.

The guide — the first of "a living series" on how the act will be implemented — is published by the Data Protection Registrar, Mr Eric Howe, a former deputy director of the National Computing Centre.

Mr Howe, who began work on implementing the act six months ago, now has a staff of 16 at his headquarters at Wilmslow, Cheshire. Three have been assigned to answering questions from the public on 0625-535777. The staff should total 50 by September, and the budget for the operation's first full year is believed to be about £1.5 million.

Any organisation handling personal information in computers — including government departments and the police — has to register under the act. The target date for completion of that process is next March.

After that date anyone storing personal information in computer systems who has not registered will be committing a criminal offence, and anyone using inaccurate information will be liable to pay compensation. But it will not be until September 1987 at the earliest, that private citizens will have the right to check information.

Computer users will have to tell the registrar what information is held and for what purpose, where it comes from and where it may go, including transfers abroad.

But no information is required on the security precautions for computer systems.

The Data Protection Act, 1984: Guideline No. 1: Office of the Data Protection Registrar, Springfield House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SV9 5AX.

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Albania rejects Soviet sympathy

From Barney Petrovic in Belgrade

Albania firmly rebuffed the Soviet Union yesterday by *rejecting Moscow's condolences* on the death of the country's leader, Enver Hoxha. An Albanian spokesman in Vienna said: "The message was sent back as unacceptable."

Earlier, Albania said it would not invite foreign representatives to the funeral of Mr Hoxha, who ruled the country for 40 years.

Yugoslavia, Albania's main *trading partner, sent condolences* to Albania in a frosty official message. But through an editorial comment by the official news agency, Tanjug, Jugoslav leaders signalled that *they were ready to improve* relations and support the country's independent stand regarding East and West.

"Good bilateral and neighbourly relations between Albania and Yugoslavia are of great importance and interest for the peoples of our two countries and for peace and cooperation in the Balkans," Tanjug said. "Yugoslavia has always supported and still supports the independence of Albania."

Mr Hoxha was a full general of the Yugoslav as well as of the Albanian army, since the two fought together against Nazi Germany. But he became a bitter enemy of Jugoslavia after Tito quarrelled with Stalin and led his country out of the Soviet orbit in 1948.

The official Albanian news agency, ATA, yesterday quoted the funeral commission as saying some countries had already said they wanted to send a delegation to Monday's funeral.

The funeral commission is headed by Mr Ramiz Alia, the Head of State and heir-*apparent*.

Radio Tirana said Mr Alia and the Prime Minister, Mr Adil Carcani, headed a guard of honour as Albanians filed past Mr Hoxha's body as it lay in state at the People's Assembly building.

Radio Tirana played classical music and marches all day, interrupted occasionally by mes*sages of condolence from war* veterans, worker brigades, peasants, and youth representatives.

In Paris, the exiled pretender to the Albanian throne yesterday called for a "free and democratic" government in Albania. "The death of the secretary-general . . . marks the passing of an era and her*alds the start of a period of* instability within our country, Leka I, son of the late King Zog, said.

New move on abortion

Madrid: Spain's Socialist government yesterday drew up *plans for new abortion laws* after the country's highest legal authority rejected its original draft as unconstitutional.

The government brushed aside talk of political defeat and said the ruling by the 12-man Constitutional Tribunal meant only that its law was inadequate and not that abor*tion was in itself against the* Constitution.

The court ruled that the 1983 law, which permitted abortion in cases of rape, danger to the mother's life and malformation of the foetus, did not sufficiently protect "the right to life" guaranteed under the 1978 Constitution.

The Justice Minister, Mr Fernando Ledesma said all that was now required was to submit a new law with the guarantees stipulated by the Constitutional Tribunal.

The decision, reached with a *casting vote by its President*, was greeted by the right-wing opposition as a moral and political victory and denounced by socialists, communists and feminists. — Reuter.

Polish leaders boycott UK embassy reception

Howe visits grave of murdered Solidarity priest

From Hella Pick in Warsaw

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, paid an emotional visit last night to the grave of Father Jerzy Popielusko, the pro-Solidarity priest murdered by members of the Polish security services.

Earlier Polish ministers had boycotted a reception at the British ambassador's residence to which a handful of leading Solidarity advisers had been invited.

But after more than two hours of talks with General Wojciech Jeruzelski, Sir Geoffrey emerged genuinely impressed by the Polish leader's willingness to discuss the country's internal, as well as external, problems and his desire to re-establish good relations with Britain.

The general assured the Foreign Secretary that his regime remained committed to the creation of a more democratic system, though remaining Communist, and that he had no *wish to have any political* prisoners.

However, no promises were made that Poland would release its existing, probably just over 100 political prisoners, who include three leading activists, rearrested since they were amnestied last year. There was no suggestion that their threatened trials would be abandoned.

General Jeruzelski and his colleagues stressed in their talks with Sir Geoffrey that Western sanctions remained a *serious handicap to Poland's* economic recovery and to national reconciliation. There was much discussion of Poland's need for new Western credits.

POLAND's new official trade unions, which replaced the banned Solidarity movement, were given full legal status yesterday. Membership is patchy. — Reuter.

The Foreign Secretary held out no promises of an early change in British refusal to support new credit lines. He said this had little to do with politics and depended far more on Poland's readiness to reschedule its existing debt *and meet its interest* obligations.

The Polish government had been told that Sir Geoffrey would visit the church of St Stanislaw Kostke, the parish church where Father Popielusko is buried. He went there last night after dusk and stood before the *flower carpeted grave* which has become a national shrine. While he did not lay a wreath, he did go into the church where candles flickered, illuminating the crown of thorns *around photographs* of the murdered priest, and where there are many reminders of Solidarity.

Yesterday the Polish press gave full coverage to the speeches exchanged on Thursday evening between Sir Geoffrey and the Polish Foreign Minister. But only the government paper, Rzeczpospolita, printed the full text. The official party paper, Trybuna Ludu, cut out the most telling sentence by the Foreign Secretary that "I would not be true to the friendship between our *peoples, if I did not tell you* of my anxiety on reading reports of some recent moves in a contrary direction" from national reconciliation.

Before ending his week-long visit to East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland, Sir Geoffrey this morning will call on the Polish primate Cardinal Glemp. He will also visit Warsaw's restored royal castle and present a picture on behalf of the British government.

'Unsafe airports' claim denied

From Jane Walker in Madrid

SPANISH civil aviation authorities yesterday strenuously denied allegations, made by a member of the Spanish Airline Pilots' Union that the majority of the country's airports are unsafe and that eight should be closed.

The claims were made in an unofficial report leaked to the news magazine, Tiempo, in which the pilots' union spokesman, Commander Jose Antonio Silva, claimed that there was a grave risk of accidents in Spanish air space because of poor facilities and lack of equipment. "Some Spanish airports ought to be closed. They are dangerous," he said.

The airports named by Commander Silva include many used every year by hundreds of *thousands of* tourists. These are the airports of Madrid, Malaga, Alicante, Barcelona, Minorca, and the three airports in the Canary Islands. It says that the tourist boom has saturated the Spanish airports and that there is too much traffic for the controllers to handle.

The denial was issued by the spokesman for the Spanish Civil Aviation Authorities Mr Jose Antonio Castro. He said: "The information in the report is simply not true *and does not* correspond to reality."

Mr Castro pointed out that although the numbers of passengers flying to and from Spanish airports have increased, the actual number of flights has decreased because of the large capacity planes now being used. "There was a 1.3 per cent decrease in the number of aeroplanes using Spanish air space last year. Therefore it is incorrect to say that the numbers of planes have increased".

Last year Spanish airports were inspected by Mr Carlo Ripa de Meano, the Italian head of the EEC Airports Commission, and according to his findings, Spain complies with European standards.

The problems between the airline pilots and the authorities are of long standing. Many of the pilots are former Franco air force pilots who are opposed to socialist reforms in the two national airlines, Iberia and Aviaco.

Air traffic controllers have demanded the dismissal of the director for civil aviation as well as the head of the control centre for the Madrid region.

Mr Victoriano Martin, head of the Madrid region control station, said yesterday that the attitude of the controllers was "irresponsible". He added: "I am not surprised they want me to go. When I came here there was only one man per sector. The rest were playing ping pong or cards. I immediately put on two controllers per sector."

Yesterday a spokesman for the pilots union tried to play down the report. Captain Manuel Blanco a member of the executive committee of the union and the Spanish representative to IFALPA the international airline pilots' association, said: "Spanish airports are not dangerous. When I first heard of the so-called report I was very surprised."



"He's innocent," Cathleen Crowell Webb said as she left court after Judge Samuels (right) upheld the rape conviction against Gary Dotson (left) despite testimony that the rape never took place

Rape verdict upheld despite perjury plea



MARKHAM Ill: A judge has upheld the conviction of a man who already has served six years of a 25 to 50 years prison sentence for a rape his accuser now says never happened.

Cook County Circuit Judge Richard Samuels decided not to grant freedom to Gary Dotson, who was convicted of raping Cathleen Crowell Webb in 1977.

"The petitioner has failed to sustain his burden (of proof) and I cannot find that perjury was committed . . ." Judge Samuels said.

Earlier in the day, Dotson, 28, took the witness stand for 30 minutes and denied he had assaulted the woman. Dotson testified that he had never even seen Mrs Webb until he appeared at a preliminary hearing to answer charges.

Mrs Webb, 23, now a mother of two living in New Hampshire, testified last week that she was never raped on July 9, 1977, as she sad said before. She said she concocted the story when she feared she was pregnant. — AP.

Reagan's grave visit deplored

From Alex Brummer in Washington

The White House was yesterday said to be reconsidering its announcement that President Reagan would visit a German war cemetery when he travels to Bonn next month, following strong objections from the American Legion and cries of anguish from the US *Jewish community.*

The American Legion, an organisation of American ex-servicemen said: "The President risks alienating millions of American World War Two veterans by his plan to honour German war dead at Bitburg."

Mr Reagan, who had earlier decided not to visit a concentration camp, because it would be "out of line," has told the West German Government that he will accompany the Chancellor, Dr Helmut Kohl, to a ceremony at the German military cemetery at Bitburg on May 5.

The announcement from the Western White House at Santa Barbara has caused deep offence in America's Jewish community which is celebrating the Passover holiday and will next week mark the holocaust and the liberation of the concentration camps.

Mr Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'Nai B'Rith said: "I think his visit to the cemetery of German soldiers is an act of grace because it is good to express friendship to a former enemy. But the asymmetery of doing that while choosing not to visit the graves of the enemy's vic*tims is insensitive and not a* healing act."

President Reagan will travel to West Germany early next month to attend the Bonn economic summit on May 3 and 4. But the visit, which coincides with the 40th anniversary of Victory in Europe and the liberation of the concentration camps has led to a series of embarrassing twists and turns for the President and the White House.

Firstly, Mr Reagan was to go to Dachau: the visit was scrapped for fear of offending *the Germans. Mr Reagan then* rubbed salt in the wounds by suggesting at a press conference that it was time to forget the past, a position he quickly reversed.

Bonn urged to ban VE Day reunions of former SS men

From Anne Tomforde in Bonn

The Government has been asked to ban a series of veterans' reunions which are planned by former Nazis to mark next month's 40th anni*versary of the end of the* Second World War.

The head of the Jewish community in West Berlin, Mr Heinz Galinski, appealed yesterday to the Interior Minister, Mr Friedrich Zimmermann, to stop the meetings which, he said, would damage West Germany's reputation abroad.

But a ministry spokesman *said Mr Galinski should be* aware that the Federal Government was not in a position to ban meetings of veterans' organisations unless they violated the laws of assembly. It was up to the local state government, in this case Bavaria, to act.

However, the CSU government in Munich has given a similar explanation and said that local authorities are repsonsible.

Between May 3 and 13, about 1,000 veterans of the Waffen SS's feared Death's Head tank division, the elite Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler, and the Hitler Youth plan to hold meetings and rallies in the spa resort of Nesselwang, in the Bavarian alps.

They will benefit from the hospitality of Mr Rolf Buchheister, a former member of the SS and a member of the CSU who has given over his hotel to the veterans and their wives. The local CSU, which won 72 per cent of the vote at the last elections in Nesselwang, will meet at the end of April to decide whether Mr Buchheister should be expelled from the party.

Some 80 organisations, including the Social Democrats, the greens, the pro-Moscow Communist party, trade unions, and the churches have promised counter-demonstrations in Nesselwang on May 11.

The Bonn Government said *that it did not agree with Mr* Galinski that the reunions were a provocation that would distort the spirit of the official May 8 commemorations, in which 40 years of peace and reconciliation will be the theme. "While we do not welcome or encourage such meetings there is nothing we can do about them," an Interior *Ministry spokesman said.*

The people of Nesselwang, which has 3,000 inhabitants, have set up their own protest campaign and have threatened to boycott Mr Buchheister's hotel, which relies heavily on tourism.

They have also rallied to the support of the local Catholic priest, Father Franz Gress, who in recent sermons has said that it was "a Christian's duty to illuminate dark corners" and that the reunions constitute "a mockery of the victims of Nazi dictatorship."

The 44-year-old priest has since received anonymous letters calling on him to resign since he could no longer be regarded as "a priest of the forgiving Jesus Christ."

The majority of Germans have no time or sympathy for Nazi veterans. A recent opinion poll has shown that 44 per cent agree with the official government view that May 8 must, above all, be a day for remembering the victims of war, the division of Germany, and the refugees. Forty-one per cent thought it should also be a day for reflecting on the rise and fall of Hitler.

Peru poll campaign ends in murder

From Mike Reid in Lima

One man died yesterday in a clash between rival political *propaganda brigades as Peru's* presidential election campaign drew to a close.

Police said that supporters of the two leading contenders for the presidency clashed in a working class district near Lima's airport. The dead man was beaten with stones and clubs.

Peru's 8.2 million voters go *to the pols tomorrow to elect a* new president, two vice-presidents, 60 senators, and 180 congressmen.

They are expected to deliver an overwhelming rebuff to the right-of-centre parties that have governed for the past five years during which the country has plunged into an acute economic and social crisis.

Alan Garcia, aged 35, of the left-of-centre Apra party is expected to win the presidential election, with Lima's mayor, Alfonso Barrantes, of the Marxist oriented United Left (IU) front taking second place. Between them, they are almost certain to take 75 per cent of the vote, with parties winning a similar proportion of seats in congress.

However, Mr Garcia is highly unlikely to win the absolute majority needed for outright election tomorrow, and, according to the forecast, will face a run-off ballot against Mr Barrantes in mid-June.

The hopes of the right were diminished last year when President Belaund Tarry's Popular Action and its former partner in government, the Popular Christian Party, decided to run separate campaigns.

But the sharp swing to the left also reflects the radicalisation of Peruvian society over the past decade, as successive economic austerity programmes have cut living standards but have failed to turn a depressed economy around.

Both Apra and the left have attempted to capitalise on the popular pressures for change. Apra has cutred its campaign on the useful and dynamic image of Mr Garcia, often compared here to Spain's young Prime Minister, Mr *Felipe Gonzales.*

Although Apra is Peru's oldest political party it has never won power, being blocked in the past by banning and military coups. However, there are no immediate indications that the military now wishes to return to power.

Apra mixes populism and social democracy. While Mr Garcia's campaign stance has been firmly to the left of centre, he has been careful to avoid detailed policy commitments. His party has postponed publication of its government programme until after the elections.

But Mr Garcia has said that Apra will protect Peru's industry, give greater priority to agriculture, and take a tougher diplomatic stance towards the country's foreign creditors.

Mr Barrantes has been more specific, outlining a detailed programme on nationalisation, administrative decentralisation, and state-led economic reactivation. The large turn-out at IU's final rally underlined the left's strength in Lima's shanty *town belt, and the success of* the IU municipal administration's public health programme, which distributes a *million free glasses of milk a* day to children and mothers.

Fears that the Maoist-led Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas would carry out threats to disrupt the elections with terrorist attacks have proved groundless. This points to the apparent success of the military's drive to contain Sendero Luminoso, though at a high cost in human rights violations.

Senator on voyage of Discovery

From Mark Tran in Washington

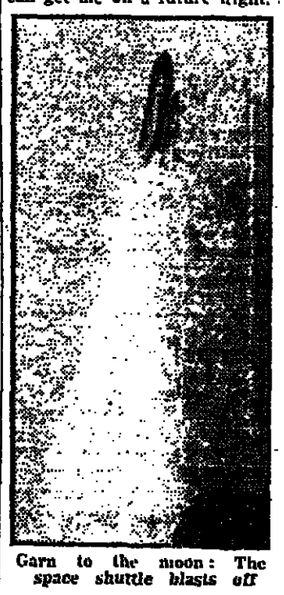
The space shuttle Discovery finally blasted off from Cape Canaveral yesterday after a 55-minute delay with Republican Senator Jake Garn among its seven-member crew. The hold-up was caused by a cargo ship which wandered into the area where the booster rockets fall, and by cloudiness.

Discovery's mission, postponed five times because of technical problems, originally was scheduled to take off at 8.04 a.m. on the fourth anniversary of the original Shuttle Columbia's maiden flight and 24 years to the day after the Soviet Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in *space.*

The shuttle was due to deploy a Canadian communications satellite on its first day. Telesat of Canada invested $78 million in the equipment and is hoping to find a buyer. A "for sale sign" adorns the satellite. A second communications satellite, to be used by the Defence Department, should be released later today.

The crew will also operate a drug processing machine, observe the human cardiovascular system, study space motion sickness, and conduct experiments in growing protein crystals that could lead to drugs from the treatment of cancer and other disorders.

The presence of Senator Garn, chairman of the subcommittee that oversees the NASA budget, on the shuttle has attracted much publicity. The first space-bound politician will be wired up for several medical experiments. One unidentified colleague wrote to the balding Mr Garn saying: "If you find that hair grows in zero gravity, please see if you can get me on a future flight."



Garn to the moon: The *space shuttle blasts off*

Collision damages US aircraft carrier

Washington: The 52,500-tonne US aircraft-carrier Coral Sea and an Ecuadorean tanker collided off Cuba on Thursday night. The carrier suffered significant damage to its bow area, a navy spokesman said.

There were no injuries to crew aboard either ship and the vessels steamed under their own power to the US naval base at Guantanamo Bay, on the south-eastern tip of Cuba.

The tanker, the 18,060-tonne Napo, was holed in the bow above the waterline and also sustained damage to its superstructure.

The Coral Sea had been in the Guantanamo Bay area since April 3 for crew training and was conducting flight operations when the collision occurred.

At the time of the accident, the navy spokesman said, 11 of the carrier's aircraft were airborne; they were diverted without incident to Guantanamo Bay. One of its helicopters had just landed on deck when the collision occurred.

At the time of the collision visibility was about seven miles, with scattered clouds at 1,500 feet and waves of five feet.

The Coral Sea was carrying 29 F/A-18 fighter-attack planes and about 12 older A-6 attack planes when the accident occurred. It normally carries between 75 and 100 planes, but was not at full complement because the ship was on a training mission.

In addition to bow damage, the Coral Sea also suffered damage to some of its communications and radar equipment. Its starboard also was damaged by the superstructure of the Napo.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tobacco leaf 'safe'

JAPAN'S only cigarette plant said yesterday that tobacco leaves, widely linked to cancer and heart disease, contain a substance which suppresses cancer-causing agents. But other cancer specialists said the research *was not conclusive.*

Japan Tobacco said that tests carried out on mice by the firm's research institute over a 20-week period showed the substances, cembratienne-diol (CBT), cut the growth of cancerous tumours by between 30 to 50 per cent.

The mice were all painted with a cancer-inducting agent but those also painted with CBT produced fewer cancerous tumours.— Reuter.

Hoarder to die

A NIGERIAN court yesterday sentenced a tanker driver to death in Port Harcourt for hoarding nearly 5,000 gallons of petrol, which is illegal under the anti-corruption aws. Vincent Agulannah cannot appeal against the tribunal sentence.—AP.

Concorde hitch

A BRITISH Airways Concorde flew into Moscow for the first time yesterday with 98 tourists aboard. The flight took five minutes longer than the airline's regular Moscow service, because Moscow would not allow Concorde to fly supersonic through Soviet airspace. — Reuter.



Miss Ellie back

DALLAS' Barbara Bel Geddes (above) will return to her role of Miss Ellie in the autumn, a studio spokesman said yesterday in Los Angeles. Ms Geddes, aged 62, was forced to leave the television series as the mother of th Ewing oil family after undergoing a quadruple heart bypass operation two years ago.—Reuter.

Satellite pact

WEST Germany and Arianespace signed an agreement yesterday for the launch of two new satellites in 1987 and 1988. Copernicus One and Two satellites, which will provide new television and radio cable services and improve telephone links between West Germany and West Berlin, will be launched from Arianespace's junge base in French Guiana.—Reuter.

Libyan surfaces

OMAR SODANI, one of 140 *Libyans expelled from Brit*ain after the 1984 Libyan embassy siege, is registered as a graduate student at a Brussels university, sources said yesterday. Police have checked the report but officials have refused to comment on the man who was the Libyan People's bureau spokesman during the siege. — AP.

Rectors bribed

MANY Soviet students are awarded places at universities because of influential connections or bribes, a *Soviet newspaper,* Sovietskaya Rossiya, said yesterday. Describing the practice as widespread, the paper launched its investigation after the rector of Yaroslav University, north-east of Moscow, was dismissed for favouring would-be students.— Reuter.

Kennedy denial

SENATOR Edward Kennedy's eldest son yesterday denied a report that he will run for Congress next year as a Representative for *Mahsachusetts.* Young Edward Kennedy will be 25, the minimum age for serving in Congress, before next year's election. — Reuter.

Runner barred

A BLACK South African runner, Mark Plaatjes, was barred yesterday from the Boston marathon on Monday *because of a ban by The* Athletic Congress on South African contestants in international sporting events. TAC passed the rules to protest against apartheid in South Africa.—Reuter.

Vietnam poll

A US poll yesterday showed that 12 per cent of US citizens thought Washington supported North Vietnam in the Vietnam war and 21 per cent either did not know or did not remember. Of 1,506 people questioned, 57 per cent had no clear idea of why the Vietnam war was fought. — Reuter.

Bus hits train

A BRAZILIAN bus was hit yesterday by an empty passenger train at a level crossing in Llavallol, leaving 16 people dead and 10 injured. A faulty level-crossing barrier was blamed. — AP.

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PM due in Delhi for talks today

From Ajoy Bose
in New Delhi

THE recent strain on Indo-British ties because of activities by Sikh extremists in Britain is expected to figure in talks between Mrs Thatcher and the Prime Minister of India, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, in New Delhi today.

Mrs Thatcher, who is arriving in the Indian capital this afternoon on a brief visit on her way from Colombo, is scheduled to have wide-ranging talks with Mr Gandhi.

A British High Commission spokesman said that although there is no fixed agenda for the talks, Mrs Thatcher is likely to take the opportunity to reassure the Indian government of the efforts by British authorities to contain the extremist problem in Britain.

He pointed that although there had been bitter controversy in India over the activities and statements by extremists in Britain, Mr Gandhi had expressed his appreciation of the steps taken by the British Government against them.

Mr Gandhi said in parliament this week that the British response to requests by India to take stern action against extremists has been "positive."

Officials in the High Commission feel that discussions on the issue are likely to be cordial and based on a "shared concern" of the problem.

Mrs Thatcher is also expected to discuss the Sri Lanka situation with Mr Gandhi and brief him on her talks with the Sri Lanka's President Jayewardene. The High Commission spokesman, however, ruled out any British initiative to resolve the Tamil minority problem in Sri Lanka or mend the troubled Indo-Sri Lankan relations.

An Indian Foreign Office spokesman said last night that the two prime ministers will initially meet without aides and then be joined by them.

Sri Lanka told it must solve its own domestic problems

Tamil terror tactics draw fire from Thatcher

From Eric Silver
in Kandy

Mrs Thatcher has come out strongly against the use of terror by the Tamil minority, while at the same time insisting that Sir Lanka must solve its own communal conflicts.

"The matter of the Tamils is a matter for the Sri Lankan government," the Prime Minister told reporters after opening the £113 million Victoria Dam near here, Britain's biggest foreign aid project.

"With regard to my own view about terrorism, it has not varied and will not vary," she added.

"Terrorism must never be seen to win. If it does, it is the end of democracy. It is a democracy in Sri Lanka, and I believe that as in Britain the problems must be solved through democracy. Democracy is wide enough to see a solution through democratic means."

Mrs Thatcher contended that Tamils had the same rights as other citizens and should use them to achieve their aims. Officials said she was assumed to have discussed the ethnic issue during two meetings yesterday with President Junius Jayewardene, if only to bring herself up to date on the situation. She said at her press conference that she expected to talk about Sri Lanka when she meets the Prime Minister of India, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, in New Delhi today.

Mrs Thatcher would not be drawn by Sri Lankan reporters on her Government's reluctance to help Colombo to eradicate Tamil terrorism, and would say nothing about British arms sales to the government here. In fact, she is encouraging British private companies to sell Sri Lanka most of its modest requirements, such as gunboats and counter-insurgency expertise.

She did not hesitate to put a partisan gloss on the Victoria Dam scheme, which will increase Sri Lanka's power generating capacity by 30 per cent and provide water for its parched fields.

"I well recall the day when in August, 1979, at the Commonwealth Conference in Lusaka I handed your Prime Minister, Mr Premadasa, a note saying that we had decided to give priority in our aid programme to this great endeavour," she said at the opening ceremony in sweltering heat of more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

"When we set our hand to the task of helping you with this development, it was not only because the economists told us the investment was justified. It was because we felt we could with confidence endorse the economic policies your government was committed to pursuing. Our development assistance policy is to support abroad the disciplines we practise at home."

Mrs Betty Boothroyd, the Labour MP for West Bromwich, who was present in a delegation sent by the Anglo-Sri Lankan Parliamentary Group, said that aid for the dam had been approved under the last Labour government when Judith Hart was minister for overseas development.

"If this government had been in power at the time," she said, "this dam would not have been here. She's got a cheek claiming the credit. All she did was sign the paper."

"I can assure you," the prime minister said, "that it was our decision."



Officers 'plot to kill Gadafy'

From Herbert Denton
in Washington

A DISSIDENT segment of the Libyan military launched two assassination attempts recently against Colonel Moammar Gadafy who responded by executing dozens of officers, according to intelligence reports reaching the Reagan Administration.

A first coup attempt by conservative officers is said to have occurred early last month at a presidential villa outside Tripoli. The reports, which Administration officials said are considered reliable, indicated that as many as 15 officers may have been executed in retaliation.

A second attempt, reportedly an assault on a convoy in which the plotters thought Colonel Gadafy was travelling, is said to have taken place within the last two weeks and to have resulted in the execution of at least 60 more officers accused of conspiring in the plot.

Unlike an attempted coup last May, which was led by exiled opponents who had infiltrated Libya, these two reported efforts appear to have been carried out by officers in the 73,000-member Libyan armed forces. It was not clear just how widely this apparent dissatisfaction with Colonel Gadafy's rule had spread.

According to reports, the attacks and executions have been kept secret inside Libya. The public hanging of two Tripoli university students last year fuelled open dissent among the thousands of students forced to watch. Two people who participated in those executions were later murdered.

Opposition to Colonel Gadafy from a segment of the Libyan military is believed to be the outcome of a power struggle pitting comparatively moderate military officers and career civil servants against the extremist revolutionary committees, on which Colonel Gadafy has increasingly relied since the coup attempt a year ago.

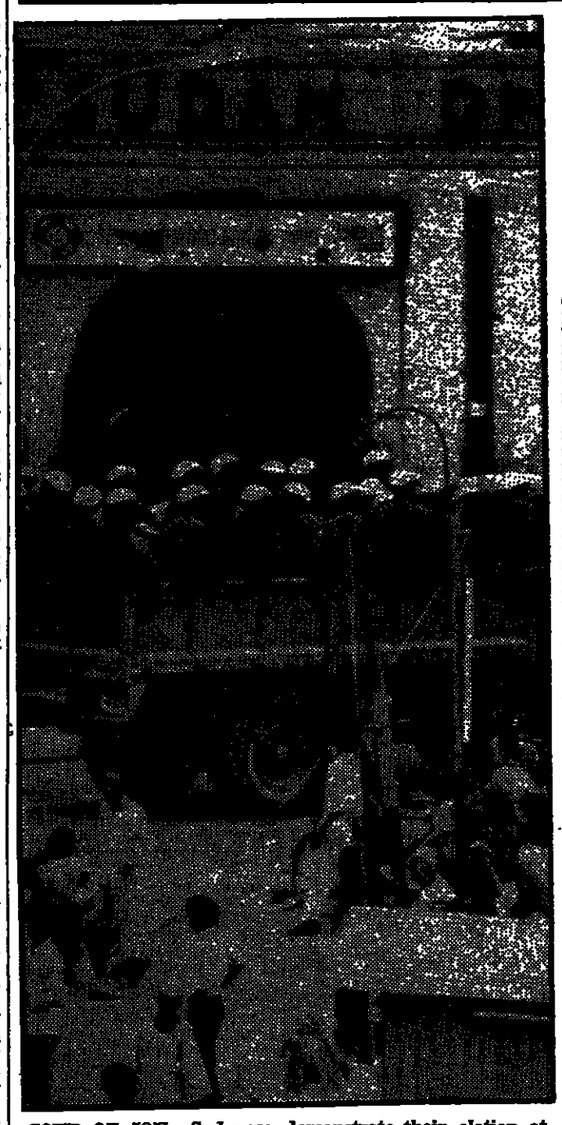
Although the reports are said to be sketchy, the belief here is that the military officers involved may have felt that this was their last chance before being totally eclipsed by the radical committees.

Colonel Gadafy has sought to build a military force made up of the radicals as a counter to the professional armed forces,

US and foreign analysts here say Colonel Gadafy's suspicions of the professional military were manifest after an attempt by officers on his life several years ago. He then turned to the East Germans, who helped create his personal security force.

Speaking to the American and European correspondents invited to Tripoli on Wednesday Colonel Gadafy avoided internal problems and used the occasion to warn President Reagan against interfering in Sudan, where military forces topped President Numeiri last Saturday as he was returning from a visit to the US. — Washington Post.

THE Prime Minister of Turkey, Mr Turgut Ozal, told President Reagan during a recent visit to Washington that Libya wants to improve relations with the United States, the Tercuman newspaper reported yesterday in Ankara. The paper reported that Mr Reagan ruled out any thaw in relations, saying that Libya exported terrorism.—AP.



COUP OF JOY: Sudanese demonstrate their elation at Mr Numeiri's downfall (top) while, above, troops in a lorry maintain a high profile

Sudan parties plan return to civilian rule

Military Council to retain power for one-year transitional period

Khartoum: Representatives of unions and political parties proposed to Sudan's new military rulers yesterday an apolitical caretaker cabinet to administer the country during a one-year transition to civilian rule.

A spokesman for the grouping of unions and parties said their representatives presented the cabinet list at a meeting with members of the Military Council yesterday morning. The 15-member council now running the country is led by General Abdul-Rahman Swareddahab, who led the coup to remove President Numeiri last Saturday. The council will retain its hold on ultimate power during the transition.

The civilian negotiators disclosed on Thursday night that the council had accepted their demand that the transition be limited to one year and that the caretaker cabinet during this period consist of civilians with only one military member, the defence minister.

Unions and parties "are proposing to the Military Council a cabinet composed of civilians with no political affiliations," a spokesman for the group said.

"This was agreed by the unions and the parties because we all realise that the caretaker government has very serious problems to tackle, and the absence of any differences on political ideology will make their job slightly easier during the transitional period," the spokesman said.

After the transition, he said, the unions and parties expect democratic elections to lead to full civilian rule.

Gen. Swareddahab was named commander-in-chief and defence minister by Mr Numeiri on March 18, a few days before he left for a visit to the US. The coup, coming after a general strike against food price increases and other government actions, prevented the President's return. Mr Numeiri has been in Egypt since the coup.

Under a decree issued by Gen. Swareddahab, the interim government will administer laws passed by the council, which was sworn in on Thursday. Gen. Swareddahab's statements indicated he will continue the ties with Egypt and the West that Mr Numeiri established in his 16 years of power.

The statements also indicated that he would be more liberal, domestically, than Mr Numeiri, who outlawed unions and opposition political parties and instituted strict Islamic law, which intensified a rebellion of Christians and animists in southern Sudan.

In the plan put forward by the alliance to the Military Council, the transition period is due to begin when the cabinet is formed. "Legislative and executive power during the transitional period should be in the hands of a presiding council and a cabinet," the statement said. "The presiding council should be made up of five, chaired by the commander-in-chief of the armed forces, one representative from the south, and three civilians."

Khartoum's international airport reopened yesterday after an eight-day closure. The army chief, Gen. Abbas Madani, checked all entrances to the airport shortly before it resumed operations. Western diplomats said this action was taken to prevent officials of the ousted regime from leaving the country.—AP/Reuter.

Sikhs put off protest campaign

AMRITSAR, INDIA: The main Sikh party said yesterday it would launch a protest campaign, originally due to start today, unless the Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, conceded its demands by June 1.

The Akali Dal also said it would hold a "genocide week" from June 1 to mark the anniversary of the storming of Amritsar's Golden Temple, the holiest Sikh shrine, by troops on June 6 last year.

The Akali Dal secretary, Mr Gurdev Singh, said after a four-hour meeting of top leaders that the postponement of the protest campaign demonstrated the party's goodwill in responding to concessions by the government.

"As a measure of our goodwill, we gave more time to New Delhi to prove its sincerity."

The postponement was announced amid reports that six people were injured in a shooting incident. No details were available.

The government said on Thursday it would set up a judicial inquiry into anti-Sikh riots triggered by the assassination of Mr Gandhi's mother and predecessor Indira by Sikh bodyguards last October.

The meeting yesterday demanded that the probe into the riots, in which more than 2,700 people, mostly Sikhs, were killed, should cover seven states as well as Delhi.

It also sought a relief fund to support Sikhs widowed or orphaned in the riots and the families of those killed in the attack on the Golden Temple.

The Akali Dal has also demanded the release of all gaoled Sikhs and pardons for several hundred Sikh soldiers who mutinied after troops stormed the temple complex to root out militants fighting for a separate Sikh nation in Punjab state.

Mr Gurden Singh said the party would hold prayers and peace meetings throughout Punjab, where most of India's 12 million Sikhs live, to mark the week beginning June 1.

Minister is warned to tread carefully

From Nicholas Cumming-Bruce
in Jakarta

The visiting Vietnamese Defence Minister was warned yesterday to refrain from making political comments during his stay amid suggestions that Indonesia is inching towards a resumption of diplomatic relations with China.

In a statement, the Indonesian Foreign Minister, Dr Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, said the visit by General Van Tien Dung, who arrived here yesterday, was the result of a long-standing arrangement and expressed the hope that it would be non-controversial. This somewhat restrained welcome reflected an attempt to prevent embarrassment resulting from the visit so soon after Vietnam's punishing dry season offensive against Kampuchea's Asean-backed resistance guerrillas.

Dr Mochtar suggested that his Government was moving towards normalisation of relations with China, which opposes Vietnam's occupation of Kampuchea, but made clear there was no prospect of any immediate resumption of such ties. Last December, Indonesia approved a resumption of direct trade with China and the Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr Wu Xueqian, is due in Jakarta later this month.

General Dung has come to Indonesia, the most sympathetic of Vietnam's neighbours in the non-Communist Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean), for a six-day visit as the guest of the armed forces chief, General Benny Murdani. He was accompanied by the commanders of Vietnam's three armed services.

Dr Mochtar visited Vietnam last month. He made clear that recent Vietnamese offers on a settlement of the Kampuchean conflict were not acceptable to Asean countries.

The resumption of Sino-Indonesian relations, broken in 1967 two years after a Chinese-backed coup attempt, would be an important step forward in China's efforts to develop its contacts with the non-Communist countries of South-East Asia. President Suharto said earlier this week that China would have to renounce support for underground Communist movements in the region before normalisation.

Fire bombs hit airport

TOKYO: Fire bombs forced the closure of Tokyo's international airport at Narita for 90 minutes yesterday, disrupting more than 20 overseas flights which were delayed by up to two hours, airport officials said.

Police said about 13 fire bombs were fired from launchers mounted on two trucks outside Narita.

Five fire bombs were also reported to have fallen on Haneda domestic airport on Tokyo Bay, but flight operations there were not affected, airport officials said.

No injuries were reported in either attack. Police blamed leftwing opponents of the construction and expansion of Narita airport, 40 miles north-east of Tokyo. — Reuter

Rusk backs Anzus ties

Wellington: The United States warned Indonesia about 20 years ago that US troops would intervene if New Zealand and Australian forces were attacked in Malaysia, a former secretary of state, Mr Dean Rusk, said in a letter published here yesterday.

Mr Rusk, in a letter to the New Zealand Herald, said he personally delivered the warning.

Australia and New Zealand gave military support to Malaysia during its low-level war with Indonesia from 1963 to 1965.

"It is a matter of record that (the then Indonesian President) Sukarno backed away from his threats, but I don not know what part was played by my statement," Mr Rusk wrote.

— AP.

Black youth shot 'while obeying police'

From Patrick Laurence
in Johannesburg

A black youth yesterday told the commission of inquiry into the Langa killings that he was shot by police as he cycled between two police armoured vehicles on their instructions. Another witness said he heard police discuss kiling survivors.

A mass funeral is to be held today for the 19 people killed by the police on March 21, and eight others who have died in the eastern Cape unrest in the past three weeks.

Disturbances are still occurring in the townships, and two black men were shot dead near Port Elizabeth during clashes with police.

At yesterday's sitting of the Kannemeyer commission, Kwanela Bukwa, aged 15, said that he was cycling ahead of the crowd at Langa on March 21 when he saw the two vehicles, known as Caspirs, ahead of him. He tried to cycle past to the right of the vehicles but was ordered by a policeman standing on top of one of them to go through the middle. He did so, giving two black power salutes as he went by.

"As I was turning I was shot at," Kwanela said. "The shot hit me on the head. I fell over the bicycle and landed on my right side on the tar."

He paused to show Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer a mark at the back of his head, and grazes over his right shoulder and right eye. They had been caused by the bullet and his fall, he said.

He told the commission he heard no warning shot or warning to disperse. He had earlier identified a bicycle in court as his, recognising it by its raised saddle. "Can I get it back now?" he asked the judge.

After he was shot he lay on the ground, where he said he was kicked twice by a policeman to see whether he was alive. He added: "I lost consciousness when I was kicked for the second time and woke up in the Uitenhage provincial hospital." At the hospital, in a state of shock, he had given the name of a border post near his home as his own, he said.

Earlier, Mr Eric Tembani, aged 48, told the commission that he saw Kwanela being shot. He was himself shot shortly afterwards, and lay on the ground pretending to be dead as more shots were fired.

"I heard the police, speaking a mixture of Zulu and Xhosa, say that those who were lying should be finished off because they might make it plain (what happened) later." He feigned death as a policeman felt along his ribs, lifted his wrist and turned his face upwards to shine a torch in his eyes. "I heard someone saying, 'he's been dead for some time,'" Mr Tembani said.

While lying there, he saw policemen collecting stones and throwing them among the bodies, he said.

In another development the Uitenhage station commander, Major Gert Kuhn, accused a superior officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Pretorius, district commandant of Uitenhage, of telling the commission a "blatant lie" when he told the commission how the police came to be armed only with lethal equipment during the clashes of March 21.

Colonel Pretorius had told the commission that he had ordered police patrolling black townships to be issued with a full range of riot-control equipment, including tearsmoke, rubber bullets, and buckshot.

But Major Kuhn said that on orders from Colonel Pretorius he had issued police at Langa on March 21 with rifles and heavy shotgun cartridges only.

Under cross-examination by a lawyer representing the families of some of the victims, Major Kuhn agreed that Colonel Pretorius had told a "blatant lie."

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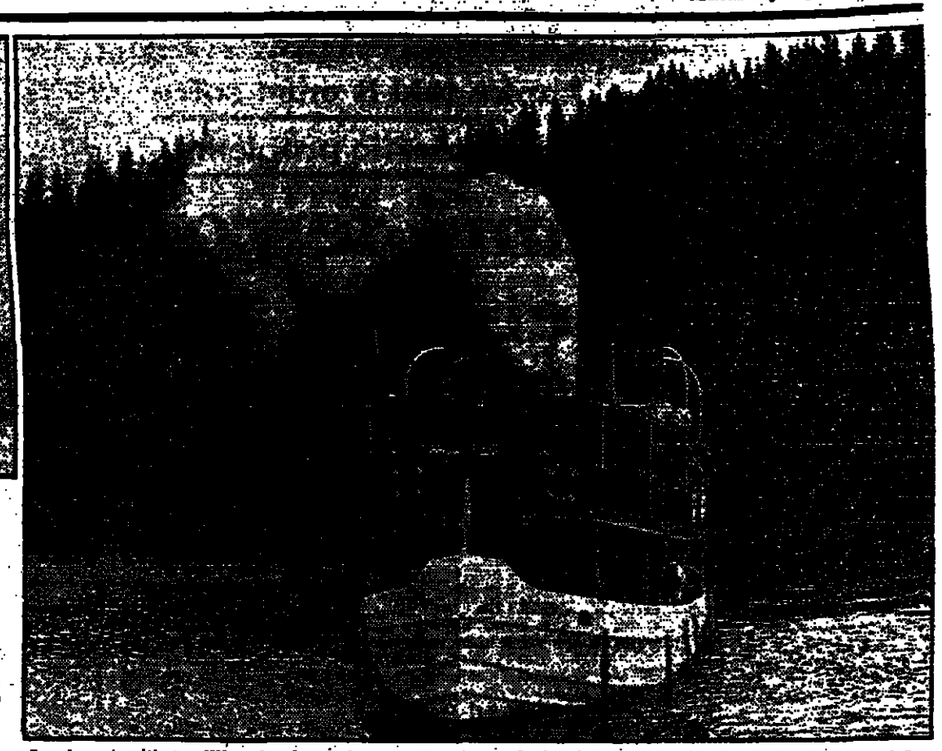
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Olavinlinna — the approaches to Savonlinna, and (right) salute from a sister ship

This week Travel Guardian goes boating. Alex Hamilton casts off first and heads off into the forested Finnish lakeland

Full steam ahead for Savonlinna

KARJALANPIIRAKKA, kukkekaalekeito and graavilohirullat piparjuurikermalayiteella were among the cheaper items on offer on the Motor Vessel Kuopio. Or, as we would say, Karelian rice pasties, cauliflower soup and salt salmon with horseradish.

Everyone is agreed that Finnish is an unusually difficult language, and then they make it worse by running all the words together. It's their privilege, of course, and quite young children seem to have no problem with it, but still. . . .

In the big towns many Finns are polyglot, and in Helsinki there is even a quite large regular sale of new books in English. But in the middle of Finland, where the MV Kuopio and her sister ships ply up and down the lakes by the silent sedges of Soiso, the country's largest inland island, you'll hardly hear any pithy Saxon syllables breaking up the sesquipedalian flow. Swedish, which is relatively easy for the English, remains very much a minority second language, and anyway farmers everywhere are inward looking.

The are extremely hospitable: no service is too much; with coffee and gossip and schnapps they will roll the hours away, but one may have a sense of an underlying wistfulness for that vast and overwhelming winter when they can burrow deep into their own psyches without interference.

The topography, with all those thousands of lakes and islands, river and forest, is very confusing; an aerial view reveals an absence of pattern that would be ideal for an advanced jigsaw. But reaching Kuopio is simple — you go by plane, and its instruments know the way.

This is not a frivolous and spendthrift suggestion. The Finns themselves make promiscuous use of their domestic air services, which are cheap and efficient. For some, to vanish into Finnair is a daily routine. One man, using a 15-day airpass ($250) is said to have clocked up 9,000 kms in that time. If you're fussy about which seat, though, be ready to run across the tarmac. There are no boarding cards, and getting on is often an undignified scramble.

Others complement this grasshopper frenzy with a gentle drift home on the waterways, like the computer analyst who made friends with me on the MV Kuopio who, having eased his firm's operations all over the country, was taking three days on the water to Lappeenranta by the Russian border to restore his bytes. The essentials of Finnkeeping, to whit food, strong drink, a bunk and a sauna, are all to be found on board.

He could only do this, by the way, between May and August, a time of festivals and dancing and musical events, after which the children go back to school, the tourists head south, squirrels harvest their nuts and analysts their business cards for the winter, and the boats come to rest. (When in motion they manage a steady 12 knots.)

Kuopio is a middle-sized town of about 75,000 souls, who live mainly off timber, milling, textiles and dairy products. Kalakukko, the term for the celebrated local fish pie, seems to be virtually an alternative name for the town, as if one were to call Melton Mowbray Pork Pie. There's good fresh fish in the market, but fishing is not a staple.

It's a university town, with a stress on medicine — 11 of the 12 beds in the foundation hospital were for syphilitics, which made a change from the ancient preoccupation with TB and alcoholism — the great runner Kohlemainen is a folk hero, and two football teams share a splendid stadium on a headland. Into its tourist shopwindow it also puts a Lutheran and an Orthodox cathedral, museums stuffed with Karelian relics rescued when that province was ceded to Russia, survivals of the old- wooden architecture, modern bus and rail stations and a very tall tower from which you can look ahead to your route across lakeland.

Over the horizon, about the distance of Bath from London, lies Savonlinna, a resort of water sports and old steamers used as maritime museums, of campings and entertainments, of international opera in the formidable 15th century stronghold Olavinlinna, and the spa island of Vaarasaari. This connects by a wooden footbridge which that night you hope to cross, for the Casino Hotel and dancing at the Kasino opposite.

The MV Kuopio is the largest of seven cruisers, ranging in capacity from 30 to 200 people, run by the Roll Laivat company. There has always been one called Kuopio since the first restaurant boat was launched by a confectioner in 1845. We sailed at 9 am and arrived 12 hours later, having made 12 brief stops on the way, mostly at tiny landing stages. The fare was 160 Finnmarks, children half price.

Our course was the more attractive eastern line of lakes, a countryside of dairy farmers, who look on their forests as a bank and only cut their wood in the bad years, so the granite was festooned with a zillion larches, pine and birch — to mention only the number visibly reflected in water like rippled chrome.

Sometimes we passed jetties poking through the reeds like crones' fingers, with the maroon walls of a sauna beyond, and perhaps a glimpse of the house itself among trees on the higher ground above. The only breeze was the one we made ourselves, the only movement in the water our own wake, though towards the end it became appreciably rougher, with waves at least three inches high. That was as fierce as it ever got, said the helmsman.

Not a lot happened. At Kerma lock we saluted a sister ship. A Kuopia girl told me she'd picked this trip as a 21st birthday treat. From Lehvalahti to Karvio we fed on Captain's Escalope and Baked Curds of Beast with Hot Arctic Jam. At Karvio two of the crew threatened to throw the barmaid into the water, and then did so. Between Vihovuonne and Pilppa it rained.

People read, drank in the bar, played Space Invaders. At Heinavesi 40 Italians got off into buses to take them to a monastery in the woods. At Pohjatoival a delirious Alsatian greeted his homecoming mistress, preparing the landing stage for her by scattering the cows on it into the forest.

Seagulls followed us, not realising that the law forbids the throwing of scraps overboard. There were wild duck, too, and fighter-bombers at 5,000 feet, but no other winged creatures. My computer friend talked to me about the problems of siting the 150th anniversary of the national epic, Kalevala, in 1985, since none of the obvious places like Imatra and Joensuu were keen to erect a fake medieval village to draw tourists. Perhaps, he concluded drily, they should try Esthonia — the Kalevala had been collated from many sources.

After such a day, the sudden emergence in the dusk of the awesome bulk of Olavinlinna towering above the bows made a terrific impact. So, in a softer way, did the Casino and the Kasino. I recommend the dancing there, even if you haven't a word of your partner's language. It's not only that to the strains of a hurdy-gurdy they do such old backwoods Finnish foot-stompers as the *jenkaa*, but it's an old custom of the country that when invited to dance, the women will never refuse.

Briefcase:

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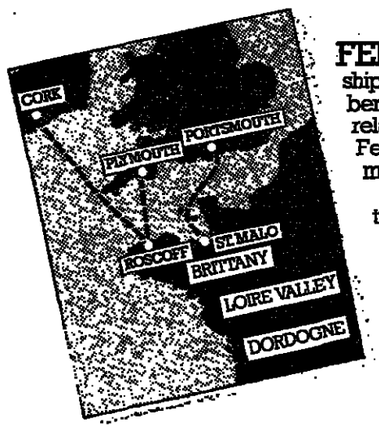
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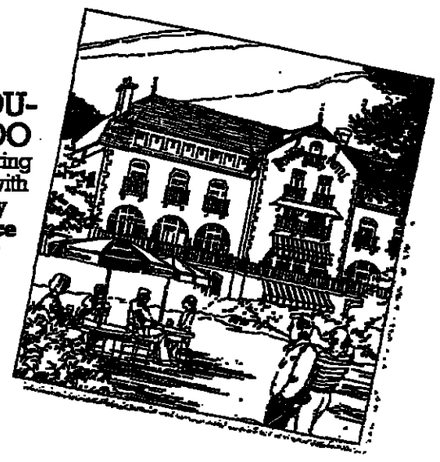
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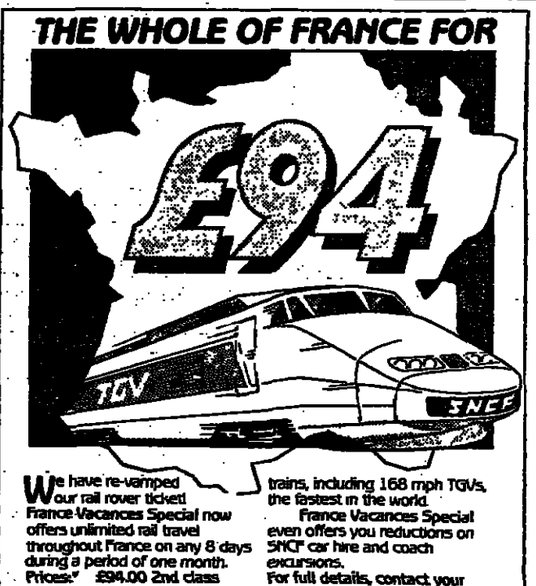
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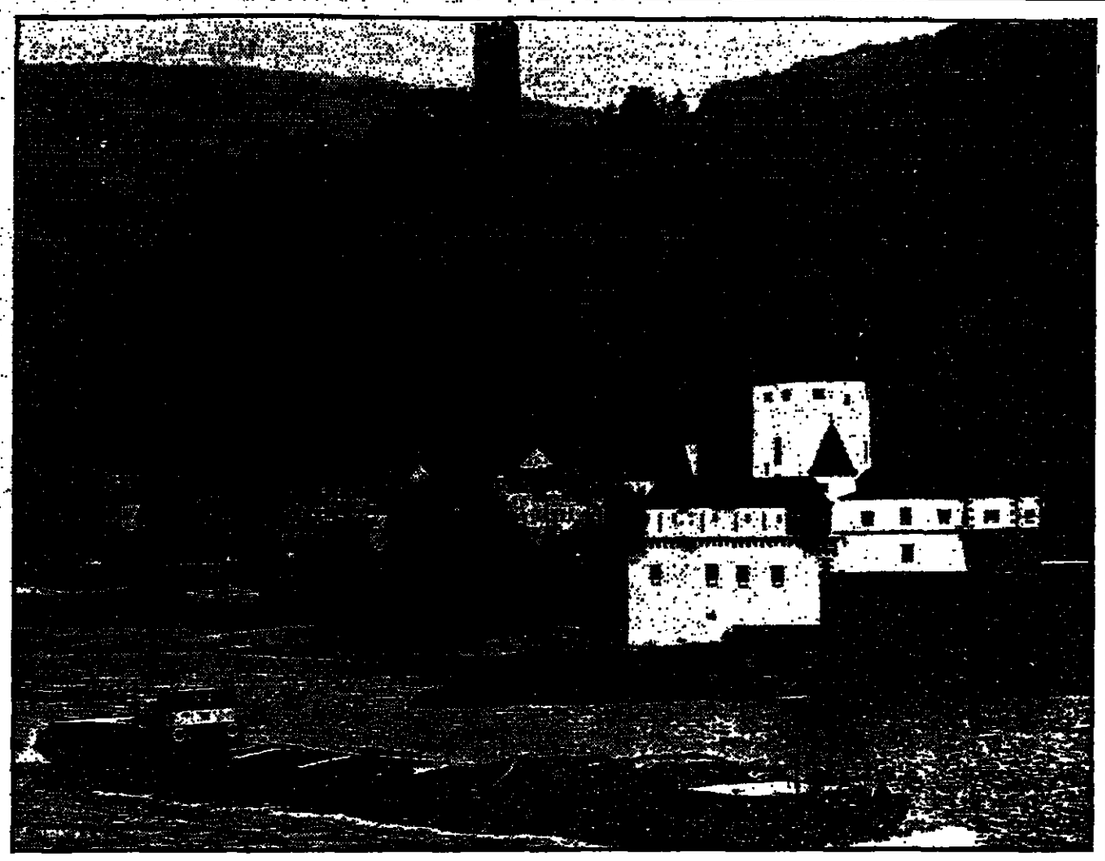
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The Palatinate near Kaub



The fear of being bored on a boat did not deter Hunter Davies, on his Grand Tour of Europe, from undertaking the trip down the legendary Middle Rhine

A latterday young gentleman

I WORRIED about going on a boat down the Rhine. I wanted to see it, especially the most famous chunk with all the castles that artists and writers have raved about for 200 years. And I wanted to get down it because I'm doing a book which is a modern version of a Grand Tour. After lolling around in Italy, soaking up culture, the Young Gentlemen on the original Grand Tours always came home slowly down the Rhine. What worried me about the boat was boredom.

A few years ago I took the family to America on the QE 2. The five days seemed like five years. You can't see the boat, because you're on it, and from the boat all you see is water. Yes, the food and comfort and service were terrific, but I can get all that at home. That's what I employ Mrs Davies for. After one day I was screaming inside with the monotony and my body turned ectoplasmic with all the guzzling and lack of exercise. Then I got seasick.

At least on the Rhine there will be no waves, I thought, but when at Basle I took my very first look at old Father Rhine, I was amazed by its size (around 200 metres wide) and speed. Its dirty sluggy colour I had expected, but it was in some sort of mad panic, trying to throw itself across Europe to the North Sea as if no one had told it there were 833 kilometres to go so heh up, take it easy. It looked as if my boat down the Rhine would at least be quick, if boring.

I boarded the Europa at 7 30, just in time for dinner — very clever — and met my fellow passengers, some 120 of them. Many had already come up the Rhine on the boat, and were now on the return leg. One advantage of the K.D. Rhine Line is that you get luxurious all-in cruises which last from three to ten days. So you can pick the direction and duration which suit you best.

About 50 per cent of the passengers were American, with the rest spread around another 15 countries, from Chile to Australia. And I have to admit the average age was about 60. It was September, so the family holiday season was over but, even so, Rhine cruises do appeal mostly to older travellers. It makes a perfect oasis when doing Europe, a neat change of pace after rushing around in trains, planes or cars.

I was surprised to find, after that first meal, that my boat was only second class, or at least what they call "Europa class." The KD Line has eight boats which cruise the Rhine and the Moselle between Rotterdam and Basle, and on the first-class, apparently, you get five-course meals. I don't think I could have managed that.

There was a swimming-pool, about the size of a large table (though the swimming pool on the deck of the QE2 is equally a joke). My cabin had two beds, plus shower and lavatory. Not quite so posh in the way of fittings as the QE2, but adequate. The upper of the two decks gives you much the better views.

We set off in the early morning, as their practice is to cruise by day and moor by night, and I woke with a start to find that all I could see from my window was a frightening concrete wall two inches away. And we seemed to be going down and down. I was still half-asleep, but I thought I'd been spirited into some Wagnerian Rhinish hell. I hadn't realised that this part of the Rhine has been canalised to make navigation better. In the old days, you had to mess around in smaller boats to get up as far as Basle — Wordsworth bought himself a rowing boat, then sold it further downstream.

There are only ten locks to get through, but you can get rather bumped, if you're trying for an extra sleep. I asked the captain later if he did it deliberately, as his little German joke, just to wake us all up. He did me a drawing to show the canal locks are 12 metres wide and his boat is 11.60 wide. Only 20 centimetres to spare either side. Amazing. So it takes only the slightest wind and you nudge the sides.

You don't have to stay on the boat all day: there are organised tours from every port to castles or large cities.

The second day, one of the most entertaining and busy I have spent on any so-called holiday, we went to Strasbourg, a town which is nice only in parts, and in the afternoon on to Heidelberg, which was fascinating, quite as beautiful as its fame. The trips were well organised, with first-class guides.

The third day was the highlight, as we entered the stretch between Mainz and Koblenz, the legendary Middle Rhine, where all the castles are. I had expected them to be mostly ruins and fairly small, but many were the size of Windsor Castle, clinging magnificently to rocky outcrops on either side. The vineyards are equally magnificent: immaculate rows carved out of steep hills. It was as if a giant had combed the landscape into elaborate dreadlocks.

We were up early to see the Lorelei rock: I was slightly disappointed, having expected a large naked lady sitting on top, a Rhinish Statue of Liberty, but it turned out to be just another big rock. The ship's radio has a commentary in various languages to keep you up with all the castles and view points — just as well, with around 200 castles, plus well-known villages and vineyards.

I noticed on the English and German commentaries, when we were going past one particular vineyard, that the speaker said it produced "the best dry white wine in the world." A bit of licence, I thought. But when the French commentary came, it said "one of the best dry white wines." Very diplomatic. They say it was Queen Victoria's German pronunciation of "hoch," on a KD ship back in 1845, that gave hock its name. Another legend? Down the Rhine, you meet them at every bend...

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A splash of Breton colour

Mark Wallington is intrigued by new angles from a French boat deck

WE SHOULD have watched more closely the way the captain of the 5,500-ton Prince of Brittany manoeuvred his craft into St. Malo, reversing it into a slot along the quayside as if it were a delivery van. A little of his expertise would have come in useful a few hours later as, in a considerably lighter vessel, our crew of four took to the Canal de Nantes at Brest, zigzagging across the water as if we'd already consumed our duty-free allowance.

Fortunately, the traffic on these waterways is minimal, even in the height of the season, and we were able to familiarise ourselves with the boat without embarrassment. First we discovered how to navigate correctly, then we discovered where the corkscrew and glasses were kept, and finally we hoisted the Free-Breton flag and, with a tank full of diesel and a fridge full of Muscadet, we embarked on our voyage. Around the first bend we embarked on the Muscadet.

There are 500 kilometres of navigable inland waterway in Britanny, stretching from Dinan in the north to Lorient and Nantes in the south. The canals and rivers are wide and well preserved and, although the French penchant for killing and eating anything that moves has left the banks with rather sparse wildlife — the only duck we saw the whole trip was in a terrine — it does mean that a cruising holiday in these parts is as much a gastronomic adventure as anything else.

Each morning we'd go on a shopping expedition, bringing croissants back to the boat for breakfast, and innumerable regional cheeses and pates for when we'd tie up in some backwater for lunch. At the end of the day we'd find a village to moor, and adjourn to a restaurant for the evening. It got so that towards the end of the week, the cruising became little more than something to do between meal times.

Altogether we covered a fair distance: from Redon up to Malestroit, with its timbered houses and 12th-century cathedral; then back along La Vilaine, through the gorges of the Corbiniere to Guipry Messac, with a diversion up the river Aff to the arts and crafts community of La Gacilly. It was all splendid scenery and from the boat you see the countryside from such a different angle. We'd chug along, past lines of poplars, lying on the roof sunbathing or swopping obscenities with the fishermen. Only the locks required us to expend any energy.

As the boat rises, the first things that come into view are the garlic-coloured drawers of the lock-keeper's wife as she strains, bent over a windlass. Then appears the lock-keeper's cottage, a splash of colour in Breton style, with shuttered windows and boxes of geraniums everywhere. On the lawn a dog yaps hysterically; under a tree is parked a beat-up old Citroen; a blackboard advertises home-brewed cider for sale.

Into this idyllic setting surfaces a bright blue, diesel powered, fibre-glass mould, decked out with four pleasantly inebriated Englishmen in funny hats and shorts. The lock-keeper's wife rises to her full height; a well-built woman after years of winching, she stands there, arms folded, looking like Les Dawson in a floral frock. The boat crew offers her a glass of Muscadet. She scowls, gesticulates, screams at an invisible husband and disappears into the darkened doorway of the house. The dog cocks his leg on the ropes and the boat continues.

We came across scenes like this every five kilometres or so — though we were well advised to steer clear of areas such as Pontivy, where an 18-kilometre stretch of water contains no fewer than 50 locks, turning what is essentially a holiday for the idle, into one suitable only for Geoff Capes and his family.

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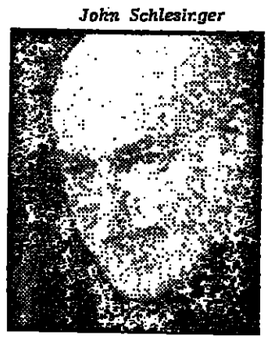
ON CLEAR days, blue ocean and red roofs of homes layering the hill allow residents of the Palos Verdes Peninsular to forget that only 30 miles of freeway keeps Los Angeles at bay. P.V. people began settling in the 1950s, bringing only college degrees and go-for-it ambition. Careers boomed in aerospace and defence: their success turned a bit of southern California into a Mediterranean lookalike.

An instant, affluent community. It ran up the flag for American values, as if to root and reassure itself. And as the kids began to make the same commuter journeys as their parents — leaving behind the beach and fooling around and drugs — Robert Lindsey, neighbour and newspaperman, reflected that the social transplant process was working for another bit of the US. Now he emphasises: "Palos Verdes is not the sort of place where spies grow up."

But two did, and they came from apple-pie homes on the hill. Christopher Boyce and Daulton Lee were altar-boy buddies from Roman Catholic families. Now they are serving respective sentences of 40 years and life for leaking thousands of CIA documents on the US spy satellite system to the Russians. Lindsey, LA bureau chief of the New York Times, covered the trial in 1977.

The events grip partly because of the ease with which Lee, addict and drug dealer, was able to sell, undetected for two years, documents to Soviet officials in the Russian Embassy in Mexico. These he had obtained from Boyce, who worked as a security clerk for a firm handling CIA technical contracts. But what really gave the United States gut agony over the affair was not the amount of damage done — because the public were never told the full extent of the information betrayed — but the fact that two nice boys next door could turn against Uncle Sam.

John Schlesinger



There have now been three attempts to unravel this conundrum. The trial proceedings were reported as they happened. Then Robert Lindsey wrote what became a US best seller about the affair. Now a film, using the same title as the book and based on it — The Falcon And The Snowman — has been made, and opens in London next week.

To coincide with the release, the sequel Lindsey wrote — The Flight Of The Falcon — is being published here (Penguin £2.50). The 50-year-old newsman became involved with the spies through visits to them in detention. But the saga did not end with sentences being handed out. In January 1980, Boyce escaped from the maximum security jail at Lompoc, California, and was free for 19 months.

Lindsey, who is neither an intellectual nor a reporter much given to emotion, says he wouldn't have considered writing the book without being urged by an editor at Simon and Schuster. The snowman of the title refers to Lee's use of cocaine; the falcon to Boyce's obsession with training hawks. The book sold over one million copies. And though Boyce did not co-operate over the sequel, he did for a time put in daily phone calls, while a fugitive, to Lindsey.

All three accounts of the electronic intelligence gathering scandal — trial, book and film — deal with substantially the same material. Boyce, the seminary dropout, gets a job with an organisation handling defence contracts; his father is an ex-FBI administrator, so he is posted to a top secret communications vault. He doesn't like the Church, now he decides he doesn't like the State when — thanks to a misrouted telex — he discovers CIA tampering with elections in Australia.

Boyce's disillusion — even for a guy in his mid-20s watching the Watergate proceedings on the box — is naive. And dangerous: he persuades his best friend, Daulton Lee, who is on the run in Mexico following narcotics charges, to sell top secret documents to the Russian Embassy in Mexico City. Boyce is as simple as Lee is devious: Lee later threatens to tell his father if he ends the arrangement; the Russians refused to let him off the hook; and the pair finally are exposed after Lee is picked up, wrongly, on a murder charge.

The two young men still continue to perplex the American public. Lindsey, who says that Lee would have nothing to do with the book when he found there was no money in it for him, says that he has now become a model prisoner. "He went up before the parole board a few weeks ago; but he was rejected. It will be 1995 or 2000 before they reconsider his case. In prison, he became an assistant to the chaplain; now he's a dental technician. He's got his act together; he's cleansed himself of the drugs thing."

Like several of the Watergate participants, Lee has found religion. Boyce, after despising politics, now wants to be exchanged for an American agent held by the Russians, and to be allowed to settle in Moscow. The Russians apparently want nothing to do with this. Lindsey admits that he was partly wrong about Boyce as well: "What I didn't see was his love of adventure. One of the biggest surprises in the case was when the US Marshals (who hunt fugitives) showed me photographs of a bank robbery in progress. I knew right away it was Boyce. But I didn't think he'd use a gun; he was a pacifist."

This uncertainty comes from an experienced newsman who has been associated with the case and its consequences for six years. And beyond it, there is the larger uncertainty of a whole nation not knowing quite what to make of the roots and practice of this deception, serious enough to warrant two long prison sentences.

The case is an illustration of the way in which bare truth—in this instance, the court proceedings—is not enough to draw the interest of a nation to a flaw in its midst: a book and a film are needed to capture the seriousness of the events. There are some odd failings along the line. Lindsey says that there was no great media interest in the trial; and he had a job persuading the New York Times to front page the court-room revelations.

This was possibly because there had been, in the previous 12 months, a couple of other spy trials. But if the media's appetite was sated with espionage, this is at odds with Lindsey's belief that "the United States tends to take its spies more seriously than you do in Europe." There is also, both in his book, and in John Schlesinger's film (70 per cent true to the book, says Lindsey) a curious reluctance to moralise. You will, from either account, have to come to the conclusion yourself that Boyce and Lee were a pair of shits.

They managed to turn themselves into romantic heroes; Boyce, particularly, because of his prison escape and the way in which the film uses his interest in falcons as a metaphor for freedom which, it is implied, is justly his. Lee is shown to have all the justification of a latter-day hippy, existing in the Seventies on the spent values of the Sixties drug culture. Even Lindsey admits that he was "just a low-level mobster."

Of Lee's motives, Lindsey says: "His was the generation of the rip-off and, to Daulton, the Russians were just another victim to be ripped off." Boyce, he says, rejected his father's strict notions of patriotism and nationalism; he wasn't a Vietnam veteran, but the effect of US involvement in that conflict made him cynical abut interventionist America. And in the end, he appears to blame Boyce Senior. For in his first book, he writes: "When he rebelled against the CIA and his country, perhaps Chris was also rebelling against the man who ruled the home in Palos Verdes where he had grown up."

Even that is put forward speculatively, and might not be at the heart of it. For if the trial left unanswered questions — how much did the USSR learn about the operation of the Rhyolite spy satellites in return for $77,000 — both the book and the film are unsatisfactory, too. Like In Cold Blood for The Killing Fields, which deal with specifically American experiences, there is, in the Boyce/Lee case, something to be distilled about the lack of moral centre in the United States.

Maybe it is too obvious for Americans to spot. But the betrayal, not of country, but of friend by friend, glares through both book and movie. The way in which the best of companions corrupted each other smashes that American ideal of same-sex friendship. If Lindsey or Schlesinger had been searching for an alternative title, they might well have considered The End of Buddydom.



AN EYE ON THE SPIES — reporter Robert Lindsey. Picture by Simon Grosset

Next week's tv and radio

Monday

Three Up, Two Down (BBC 1, 8 30). One of three brand new sitcoms. Michael Elphick has pretty limp material as an "ageing oik", unemployed and anxious to play Mary Poppins to his new grandson; but there's a rival — a twinset and pearls granny.

Mann's Best Friend (C4, 8 30). Latest lovable eccentrics from the Last Of The Summer Wine stable. A tinpot disciplinarian with the steel-capped toes, Fulton Mackay, tries to order a dilapidated rooming house where the landlord plays Scarlet Pimpernel, to captive animals, and host to a gormless petty criminal, a lady of easy virtue and a bevy of Chinese waiters. Hard core whimsy.

Them And Uz (BBC 2 10 5). As a boy in Leeds, Tony Harrison studied Caesar's Gallic wars in the attic while his mates went to Tarzan films. For Arena, he explains how he has been caught between two worlds ever since. Becoming a poet and classical scholar was a slow-burning revenge on the English teacher which refused to let him read aloud because of his accent. Ironically, he now speaks a fair approximation of "received pronunciation" himself.

Tuesday

Isaura The Slave Girl and Fantastico (C4, 4 30). Double bill of soap opera (which begins on Monday) and variety show from Brazil. Isaura is *unashamed melodrama* — Cinderella meets Mandingo — about a black-hearted plantation owner ("the only language they know is the lash"), his wastrel son, and an orphaned white girl who plays the piano like an angel when not toiling in the kitchen clad like Scarlett O'Hara.

Intimate Agony (C4, 9 0). Genital herpes threatens Paradise Island (a resort where even the cockroaches dine in pairs. Idealistic young doctor clashes with ruthless property developer (Robert Vaughan). Ludicrous but watchable.

Wednesday

Pina Bausch's Bluebeard (C4, 9.0). Deliberately ugly, desperate Wuppertal Ballet. Bluebeard and wife, dance in intermitent frenzy, vying for sexual supremacy. A funeral conga line of dissipated party-goers joins them; the women, with gaunt white faces and flowing black hair, hang their heads, necks bared for the axe.

Thursday

Peokiesnackenburger In Hell Bent (C4, 9.0). Pookie's mix of rock 'n' comedy, a good five-minute guest spot but stretched for a six-part series. Here they take on Heavy Metal, borrowing freely from Denis Wheatley and Straw Dogs. In an old abbey converted into a recording studio, Iron Lung attempt to raise the devil; at the local inn, goats blood pours from the beer pumps, and on television a Sesame Street puppet explains that C is for chainsaw.

Friday

The World About Us (BBC2, 7.45). Ron Pickering reports on a kind of Duke of Edinburgh scheme of the Wild West where young hoodlums are turned into suitable candidates for Marlborough commercials. Delinquents learn to break wild mustangs on a ranch — while they themselves are tamed by the love of a good horse. It seems to work — less than 20 per cent return to crime.

Home To Roost (ITV, 8.30). Best of the new sitcoms stars John Thaw, cast against type, as a man abandoned by his family, grown bitter and batcheriorish, who is saddled with a teenage son he hasn't seen for seven years. Determinedly unsentimental.

Helen Oldfield

Radio

Today: Where to Light A Candle is To Say a Prayer (Radio 4, 3.30 pm). Repeat of Thursday's interesting account of an Orthodox congregation in a sleepy Devonshire village, and the paths by which these men and women came to this "magic and romantic" traditional liturgy.

Tomorrow: New Premises (Radio 3, 5.30 pm). Start of a 10-part series of this international arts review: the last series both covered some unusual themes with considerable intelligence and featured some beguiling spoofs. Sir John Oldcastle (Radio 3, 7 pm). In this literary curiosity, Michael Drayton and other playwrights set the reputation of Sir John, the model for Shakespeare's Falstaff, to rights.

Monday: Summer Passions (Radio 4, 8.15 pm). Black writer Michael Abbensetts's play about the 17-year-old from the "good" home, and his secret life in the drug world.

Tuesday: A Sideways Look At . . . (Radio 4, 9.30 pm). Extraordinary how often the inventive Anthony Smith makes us look in a new way at some of our accepted notions: start of new series.

Wednesday: After Henry (Radio 4, 6.30 pm). Granny, middle-aged widow and teenage daughter in a new series, with Prunella Scales, Joan Sanderson and Gerry Cowper as the three women.

Val Arnold-Forster

The rattle of Medway

Nancy Banks-Smith reviews C.A.T.S.-Eyes and Just Another Day

IT WAS an endearing moment in C.A.T.S. Eyes (TVS) when Rosalyn Landor, a promising graduate of Dame Penelope Keith's Academy for English roses with toffee noses, looked us straight in the eye and said: "Since we joined the EEC, the Thames estuary and the Medway towns and ports have become the crossroads of European crime, espionage and terrorism. There's more afoot" — yes, Fiona, afoot — "in the lay-bys and cafes round here than in the whole of London, Paris and Amsterdam put together."

Of course there is dear.

Some of you may feel that Miss Landor was pumping away with her size five shoe to try to give Margate some of the vicious glamour monopolised too long by Miami. The Medway towns and thereabouts loom rather large for TVS, falling as they do within its franchise. Never a dull moment in Boughton Monchelsea is their motto. See Sutton Valence and die. How the palms puddle with cold sweat at the very names round there. Bobbing, Cooling and Mucking. Womenswold, Ringwould and Pluck's Gutter. Sandwich (there's many a nasty surprise in a sandwich) and Meopham (the terror of radio announcers). Ghastly Gravesend.



Jill Gascoine in C.A.T.S. Eyes

Banded together in this lawless area to do good, or the best they can, are secret agents Leslie Ash for cheek, Rosalyn Landor for class, and Jill Gascoine for "Police procedure, something of which you seem to know nothing about." Which just goes to show what doing time in The Gentle Touch does for your English.

Katie Rabett had one of those brief but rewarding roles where you are murdered in the first reel and turn up in the morgue looking marvellous. An equally brief tenure was enjoyed, and I choose my words, by Christopher Rozycki as a Russian agent. He spoke disintegrated English "I haf a leetle bared toe snare," creaked a good deal because he laughed in a leather jacket and generally had such a good time that he got blown up. Reminding us all that we are not put into this world to enjoy ourselves.

Someone connected with C.A.T.S. Eyes, probably the writer Terence Feely, feels misty-eyed about The Avengers. It has a dash of the same camp humour, they do but jest, poison in jest, no offence i' the world. I assume, after an incredulous glance, that the girls' Oxfam clothes are also intended as a joke.

Vita Sackville-West had a black patch over one eye and looked game for anything. Zillah, named after the housekeeper in Wuthering Heights, had a frightful temper like almost everyone in that book. You could tell straight away you were among a better class of dog altogether. Most of us didn't know there was a Zillah in Wuthering Heights. Vita and Zillah's owner, 74-year-old Elizabeth Peat, once had a fox terrier called Aphra Behn.

Michael Foot, of course, has a Tibetan Terrier called Disraeli. A. E. Matthews once had a couple of dogs called Sir Norman Birkett and Charlie the Bastard. Dorothy Parker had a dog, name unspecified, which she claimed caught a social disease from a lamp-post. One sighs does one not. You can feel the social tone going right down the plughole. Richmond dogs set a standard to which the rest of us can only aspire.

Just Another Day's Richmond Park (BBC 1) was probably the most charming of the series. Sally Carter ("This is Emma. Come on Victoria!") was feeding squirrels there: "It's a lovely occupation when you have the time. And the nuts." Corporal Charlie Hankins of the Black Watch, who belts along in a bathchair and a bonnet at an amazing pace, was playing the bagpipes to the deer. Peter Hammond was attracting beetles with rotten fruit. Most people would prefer to repel beetles but not Mr Hammond: "Without beetles India would be a foot deep in excrement in five years."

The wet wind made a squashy sound in the trees. Charlie Hawkins whizzed off like a deer hearing the bagpipes. Lovers, oblivious in each other's arms, were reminded the park was closing. Vita Sackville-West made herself comfortable, as Mrs Peat delicately put it, and left the park to darkness and the dotted deer.

BATH

Hugo Cole

Bedrich Smetana's The Kiss

THE success of the Bartered Bride has always worked against the revival of Smetana's other village operas, The Kiss and The Secret. The first of these is as tuneful, goes deeper into the psychology of its main characters, and is more closely organised — in fact, it lies halfway between musical comedy and through-composed lyric opera in which may lie the main reason for its neglect.

Bath Opera's modest but ingenious production was given in a theatre far too small for the volume of sounds produced; the full and highly-coloured orchestration ensured that few of the words came through and little enough of some of the singers; but the work still made its musical and dramatic points strongly and clearly.

The widower Lukas hopes to marry his old love Vendulka, but she, fearing that the spirit of his dead wife would be offended, won't kiss him until they are well and truly married. Lukas, furious, gets drunk and holds the girl and her family up to ridicule for the whole village. Vendulka in her shame decides to join the local smugglers, but all troubles are quickly sorted out at the end of the second act.

Much of the humour lies in the fact that the lovers are a sort of village Beatrice and Benedict, quick-tempered and quick in repartee, so that the romantic love duets are interspersed with furious quarrels.

Vendulka's respect for the dead wife's memory which lies behind her obstinacy gives the drama a deeper perspective, while the villagers are witnesses to much of the action, so that "public opinion" itself becomes the main character, as in Peter Grimes.

Gillian Slater and David Edwards gave strong and assured performances as the lovers, both voices with the smooth legato needed for the lyrical roles, the former with some fine and ringing top notes.

Yvonne Dorsey as Vendulka's smuggling aunt, Sarah Hughes as a maid with one charming coloratura song, and Jeremy Watkins as Lukas' brother-in-law all did well, the tenor-bass duet in the second act generating powerful operatic excitement.

Acting skills varied widely, but Jill Fowles's production made the most of limited resources. Harold Jones conducted the large and enthusiastic orchestra, which sounded fairly rough at close quarters.

BIRMINGHAM

Gerald Larner

CBSO/ Turnovsky

EIGHT Slavonic Dances can sound like a lot of Slavonic dances. But they don't have to. There is a whole variety of textural inspiration in Dvorak's orchestration and no end of colour subtleties for anyone who cares to uncover them.

Surprisingly, for a conductor who specialises in Czech music, Martin Turnovsky did not seem to be very interested in such details. The priority for him was the rhythmic impetus, which is certainly of primary importance but which can be sustained without distorting the balance and without obscuring the contrapuntal sub-plot. It is a bold way of doing it and it is rewarding, up to a point.

He conducted the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in a similarly forceful and unlovely performance of Hadyn's Symphony No 102 in B Flat Major. In this case the treatment was more beneficial to the music: for the most part it is not a lovely work, and does have a particularly forceful first movement, which was taken at an exhilaratingly high pace on this occasion. The disadvantage with that sort of approach comes in the slow movement with its highly decorated melodic line and the consequent problems of ensemble between woodwind and strings as they attempt to interpret all those little notes in the same way and at the same time. Unanimity was not complete here.

Bearing all this in mind, Martinu's Double Concerto — which, like Bartok's Divertimento but more so, is such an unhappy anticipation of the European tragedy of 1939 — ought to have been entirely appropriate to Turnovsky's way of making music. But he surprised us again, this time by presenting the authentic sound — with its distinctive blend of piano and string colouring — as a peculiarly tame effect. It might be that the conflict between the two orchestras was not clear enough, a matter of texture again rather than expression, but the performance carried little meaning until its discovery of Martinu's climactic (though dubious) consolation in the last movement.

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WEEK-END PEOPLE

Milk goes sour down on the farm

DIDCOT'S black plumes were hanging dirty laundry on the sky but further north the sun had torn holes in the cloudbase over Abingdon. From Dunmore Farm, near RAF Abingdon, a rich swathe of land pricked the eyes, rolling on towards Hinksey and Matthew Arnold country.

Hans Kogel posed beside the For Sale *notice* somewhat ruefully, as if he had stepped in the ultimate cowpat. He has. For 24 years he *has* been herdsman at Dunmore Farm. Last week he lost his job and the dairy farm went on the market, both victims of the Common Market milk quotas imposed a year ago.

A couple of other local farms have already closed. At 59, Kogel is not optimistic about finding alternative work. He will not be surprised if the farm becomes a builder's yard.

"Our farmer was given his quota and from there it went downhill," he said. "We had to get rid of some cows but we were still 200 litres a day *above our quota. We had* to cut down on the concentrate feed, but it was no good. There was nothing he could *do.*"

The 300 acre dairy farm is one of the 1,450 in England and Wales which, it was announced this week, have bowed to the inevitable and taken compensation in order to cut Britain's milk quota by one million tonnes a year. Their quotas are to be redistributed among other herds.

"The Government always wanted more milk, more milk," he said. "They said produce as *much* as *you can.* The worst part of it is that this country is not self-sufficient in milk. It is only because of the EEC that we are having to import milk."

While the small dairy farmers can pick up golden handshakes from a £50 million compensation fund, hundreds of skilled farm labourers are receiving pittances. A new report by the House of Commons select committee on agriculture calls for a comparable compensation scheme.

Kogel, a direct employee, believes that he has received a fair settlement. But the most vulnerable farm workers are the army of self-employed such as Dunmore Farm's only other worker, a tractor driver who after 20 years' service is not entitled to redundancy pay.

"I suppose I am lucky," said Kogel. "I have got my *own house. If I had been in* a tied cottage I don't know what I would have done."

Twelve months ago he bought his house on the nearby Dunmore Estate, in order to be closer to his work. The farm was poised to expand. "We were going to go up from 115 cows to 150 this year and have a new milking parlour. We were going to replace machinery that was wearing out. We were averaging 2,000 litres a day. Then it was cut to around 1,700."

The farm produced a little corn, but turning it over to crops was not viable. Nor was beef production. "It was too late. You couldn't have got a regular income and the banks wouldn't stand for it any more."

Kogel was brought up on his family's small farm near Stuttgart. During the war, fate consigned him to a small prisoner-of-war camp in Banbury, where he worked on the land and met the future Mrs Kogel. He opted to stay. "We decided to get married and work on a farm near Witney. In those days it was the only way to *get a house—a tied cottage.*"

At first, he worked seven days a week for £6. Today the minimum wage is £82 for 40 hours, plus overtime. Until recently he was averaging a 57-hour week, beginning at 6 am. "Even then, very often, the day was not finished, especially in September and October when there's a big calfing. You don't get paid for that.

"We have had to work Christmas Day and Boxing Day. It's not like factory workers, who go on strike if the temperature drops below 70. In the winter three years ago everything was frozen up. It took me until dinner time to get the machines going."

He doesn't blame his employer. "He was a pretty good farmer and he looked after his staff." Nor is he bitter about the efforts of the shrinking National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers, recently subsumed by the TGWU. "The union has done a fair bit, but the problem is that not everyone is in the union."

Why did he stick it for so long? "It's a job I've always enjoyed. I like the outdoor life—I could never see my*self in a factory. In later* years I was glad I stayed on the farm, with these millions out of work. I thought I would be safe to the end of my days."



KOGEL — quota victim. Picture by E. Hamilton West



PAINIQUEO — forced into service in Santiago

Cries from the heart

THE extermination of aboriginal people is another holocaust that hardly happened, *exciting little comment.* The removal of stroppy natives who stand in the way of progress has in the main been received with quiet relief.

The story of the Mapuche Indians of Chile might serve for almost any tribal minority, except that their unique distinction was to have *resisted Inca expansion.* They still reject the idea that their "pacification" at the end of the 19th century represented a defeat. A *million* strong, the Mapuche are the largest indigenous minority in Chile.

Their recovery of land under Salvador Allende was rapidly reversed in the Pinochet coup, which unleashed bloody reprisals against Mapuche communities. In 1979 a decree authorised the splitting up of their reserves and the "liquidation of the Indian communities." A right-wing death squad has been energetically carrying out the letter of the law.

Sofia Painiqueo, a Mapuche from southern Chile, arrived in London this week for a British tour to describe their plight. She played a leading role in helping to set up Mapuche cultural centres, a forum for Indian opposition. Until a few months ago she worked as a domestic servant in Santiago, a common predicament for Indians in the city.

Through an interpreter, she explained that she was brought up in a traditional family, the eldest of five children. Supported by the sale of the family's produce, she managed to complete her studies, ending up in the Institute for Agricultural Development. However the need to fund her brothers's and sisters' education forced her to become a servant.

"I couldn't tell my father, because in Mapuche society there is no *exploitation* of one person by another. He wouldn't have given permission. I said I was staying at a friend's house and helping with the business. I stayed at the house for three months. I had been used to working hard, but this was different. The only thing I did was cry and work."

Tomorrow she will be addressing a conference on women in Latin America at London University Student Union and on Thursday she will be taking part in a workshop in the After Columbus conference at the Commonwealth Institute (Further details from Survival International, 01-839 3267).

Spokes in the wheels of Empire

SOME historians argue that the hallmark of doomed empires was their inability to feed their populations — i.e. to make their milk floats run on time. This was not true of the British Empire, which even in tempestuous Malaya was able to serve up milk with strawberry and chocolate flavours at the Army School in Kuala Lumpur.

The truth is that the British only realised the game was up when their subject races began to beat them at cricket.

This view does not chime perfectly with the conclusions of Brian Lapping, author and executive producer of End of Empire, a 14-part Granada series beginning on Monday. He believes that the *ball was set rolling by Roo*sevelt, who put Churchill's cigar out of joint by insisting on a joint wartime declaration expressing the hope that self-government would be restored to those who had been forcibly deprived of it.

To the colonies this meant only one thing. In the next few months they goggled at the spectacle of bloody British bigheads, stumps akimbo, conceding Singapore to a quarter as many Japanese. After that, the Empire's wicket looked decidedly sticky.

The series had been a five-year *labour of love for Lap*ping, who despatched production teams to parts that once only gunboats reached. At home, he raced the Grim Reaper to record the recollections of the saga's key figures.

"We had been told the Japanese couldn't fly at night, something to do with their eyes . . . It was their first eleven," recalls the gunnery officer of the ill-fated battleship Prince of Wales in the introductory episode.

Lapping charts his own interest to schooldays.

It was while working for the Guardian in the 1960s that he witnessed the atlas leaching red at first hand. A reporter specialising in Commonwealth affairs, he covered a succession of constitutional conferences

James Cameron wrote that when the British said "Never" they meant pretty damned quick. Did Lapping acquire the same antennae? He replied that it was the era of Jim Callaghan, whose catchphrase was "Never say never."

To check for generation gaps, every self-contained episode has been shown to schoolchildren. But had the series departed from the official version? For instance, *in the Malayan episode, did* he know that the Communist leader, Chin Peng, had wreaked 10 years of havoc only after being refused a loan by his British wartime allies to set up a bicycle shop?

Lapping began phoning his researchers, to no avail. But yes, he had unearthed new *material.* "I am absolutely certain that in January 1956 Sir John Harding, the Governor of Cyprus, offered Archbishop *Makarios terms* that could have led to Enosis. They certainly provided for self-determination for the people of Cyprus in the not-too-distant future."

Makarios had consulted General Grivas ("the most mistrustful person on God's earth") who, convinced that a deal was imminent, had for the first time allowed himself to be photographed. "And Makarios turned it down! I cannot think about it without being horrified. Everything that followed has gone wrong."

End of Empire by Brian Lapping is published by Granada, £14.95.



LAPPING — the game was up. Picture by Frank Martin

Great hunter shows them the way

THE indefatiguable Nazi catcher Simon Wiesenthal (76) was the most hunted man in London this week. He had survived concentration camps and death threats, but would he survive the *media?* It soon became clear that he would talk them under the table.

Ambushed by a slavering pack of newsmen during a break in the Fifth International Sakharov Hearing, he calmly threw a bone to each. These were documents juxtaposing Jewish caricatures published in Nazi Germany and more recently in the Soviet Union. The latter, he said, were designed to divert the attention of Russia's restless provinces. "There *is* only one difference: they call it anti-Zionism," he said.

I asked him how he rated the chances of the Soviet Union opening its archives on Nazi war criminals. He *said they had cooperated* during the Nuremberg Trials, since when it had suited them to let their people believe that "big criminals are living in western countries."

Soviet interest picked up recently after several hundred cases came to light of Russians, Ukrainians and Balts living in the United States, he said. American investigators had been shown vaults of documents in Moscow. He added enigmatically: "But, as the saying goes, the mountain burns the mouse."

The mountain of the moment is Josef Mengele, the camp doctor of Auschwitz. Did he really sew up President Stroessner's hare lip? Had he found a cure for cancer? (in 1982 Wiesenthal reported that Mengele had stomach cancer).

"I must tell you that he is alive," he said. "His nephew *asked him two weeks ago to* surrender.

He is insistent that, if found, Mengele should be tried in West Germany, preferably Frankfurt. "We have two new generations since the war and so many denials of the Holocaust."

Wiesenthal then mentioned a visiting German professor who met Mengele in Ascuncion about 10 years ago. The Angel of Death had protested that he had selected Auschwitz victims for life and therefore deserved a Nobel prize. "This will be his defence line. What he will say about the experiments I don't know."

But with the clamour in the West to release elderly war criminals, would a court pass anything other than a token sentence on a 74-year-old. "The trial is more im*portant than the verdict,*" he replied emphatically. Then the 78-year-old bustled off to sock it to another waiting *audience.*



WIESENTHAL — on the foothills of the Mengele mountain

Manchester Guardian

1935

APRIL 12: The Prince of Wales broadcast an appeal last night on behalf of King George's Jubilee Trust. He wished, he said, to make it clear that this was not an appeal for charity. The trust would provide more and better facilities for the recreation and guidance of the younger generation, encourage the cultivation of abilities, craftsmanship and all those outdoor interests and activities that made for *mental and physical fitness.* "From my own experience," said the Prince, "I know the need for al this, and I have seen the vast diererence in outlook, both in body and mind, between the children who have enjoyed these advantages and those who have not."

APRIL 15: Berlin, April 14. *Reference* to a remark made by General Ludendorff in the interview he gave to Reuter for his 70th birthday *was made bly Dr Niemoller,* the "fighting pastor" of Dahlem, Berlin, in his sermon to-day.

"At a time when a 70-year-old German general," the pastor said, "can boast that Germany is the country which has freed itself most from Christianity, and a Nazi party regional leader can call the Bible 'trash' it is the duty of Christians to rise up and meet the situation with all their powers."

Prayers were again offered for pastors in concentration camps, and Dr Niemöller informed his congregation that again this Sunday no church bells were being rung in Confessional churches throughout Germany as a sign of sorrow for the imprisoned pastors.

APRIL 16: Berlin, April 15. The German Government has informed the Swiss Government in a vigorous manner that it refuses to release Herr Berthold Jakob, the German journalist, who has now been transferred from the notorious Columbia House (the quarters of the secret police) and is lodged in Moabit prison, Herr Jakob will be charged with treason.

An authorised statement issued this afternoon declares that the German authorities have made detailed inquiries into the evidence of the Swiss Government that Jakob was decoyed. . . from Strasbourg to Basle, and then kidnapped and brought over the frontier in a motor-vehicle, and find nothing to prove that any German official quarter was involved directly or indirectly with the proceedings *on Swiss soil.*

APRIL 17: Our London Correspondent. It is given to few men to compose their autobiography both on film and on paper. But Cherry Kearton has made of the story of his life both a book and a picture. A naturalist who has written 35 books has clearly many things to remember, and today (April 16) at a luncheon at the Savoy before the private showing of his picture the author was vividly reminiscent.

In 1904 he made the first flight over London—in a dirigible with no cabin. It was carried away, and though at 14,000 feet blood streamed from his nose he continued to turn his camera.

APRIL 18: The Postmaster General, Sir Kingsley Wood, announced in the House of Commons yesterday the personnel and terms of reference of the committee which he has set up to consider the future of broadcasting

The committee's terms of reference are:—

To consider the constitution, control, and finance of the broadcasting service in this country, and report and advise generally on the conditions under which this service, including broadcasting *to the Empire, television* broadcasting, and the system of wireless exchanges [the system by which households *are supplied with pro*grammes from a central receiving station] should be conducted after December *31, 1936. . . .*

BIRTHDAYS

TODAY: Samuel *Beckett*, playwright, 79; John Braine, author, 63; Claude Cheysson, foreign minister, France, 65; Alan Clark, MP, historian, under secretary of state for employment, 57; Alan Devonshire, footballer, 29; Edward Fox, actor, 48; Gary Kasparov, chess grand master, 22; Howard Keel, actor, 66; Jonjo O'Neill, National Hunt jockey, 33; Margaret Price, operatic soprano, 44.

TOMORROW: Julie Christie, actress, 45; Sir John Gielgud, actor, 81; Gerry Gillman, general secretary, *Society of* Civil and Public Servants, 58; Julian Lloyd-Webber, cellist, 34; Loretta Lynn, country singer, 50; David Leslie, rugby footballer, 33; Baroness Masham, protagonist for the disabled, 50; Bishop Abel Muzorewa, president, African National Council, Zimbabwe 60; Leslie Rees, Bishop of Shrewsbury, 66; Rod Steiger, actor, 60; the Baroness Mary Warnock, philosopher, Girton, Cambridge, 61.

MONDAY: Jeffrey Archer, author, 45; Claudia Cardinale, actress, 46; John Grigg, journalist, biographer, 61: Neville Marriner, conductor, 61; Alan Plater, playwright, 50; Maurice Shock, vice-chancellor, Leicester, 59; Sir Douglas Wass, former joint head, home civil service, 62; Marty Wilde, rock singer, 46.

TUESDAY: Queen Margrethe of Denmark, archaeologist, 45; Kingley Amis, novelist, critic, 63; Joan Bakewell, broadcaster, 52; John Harvey Jones, chairman, ICI, 61; Spike Milligan, surreal comedian, writer, 67; Constance Shacklock, operatic *mezzo soprano,* 72; Dusty Springfield, pop singer, 45; Peter Ustinov, actor, playwright, director, 64.

WEDNESDAY: Lindsay Anderson, film, theatre director, 62; Chris Barber, jazz trombonist, band leader, 55; John Barrett, tennis player, 54; Clare Francis, yachtswoman, broadcaster, novelist, 39.

THURSDAY: Avril Angers, actress, 63; Roger de Grey, principal, City and Guilds of London Art School, 67; Hayley Mills, actress, 39.

FRIDAY: Sue Barker, tennis player, 29; Harold Bird, cricket umpire, 52; Trevor Francis, footballer, 31; Sydney Harpley, sculptor, 58; Sir Thomas Hopkinson, journalist, author, 80; Dr John Horlock, vice-chancellor, Open University, 57; Dudley Moore, actor, musician, 50; Alan Price, pop singer, composer, 43.

BERRESFORD ELLIS — crossing the Celtic divide. Picture by Frank Martin



Heard the one about the Irishman, the Scotsman, Dracula...

IT'S all Alex Haley's fault, said Peter Berresford Ellis, organiser of today's first-ever Celtic Book Fair. Time was when Irish were Irish, Welsh were Welsh, and neither gave a Scotsman's caber about the other. But now, fortified by Roots, they are all intent on scrutinising each others' origins, aided by Manxmen, Cornishmen and Bretons.

Ellis is an Anglo-Irish author with three quills to his arrow. He is Ellis the literary and historical biographer. He is Peter MacAlan, creator of such thrillers as The Judas Battalion and Airship. He is also the fantasy writer Tremayne, who joyfully milks the pantheon of Celtic myths in books like Dracula My Love.

Dracula, he believes, has Irish connections. "The original 19th century novel was written by an Irishman, Bram Stoker. The concepts he wrote about had more to do with Irish folk legend and custom than Transylvania."

It would be surprising if the Count had not sampled Celtic blood. It seems to have gone a long way. Some claim the Celts discovered America before the time of Jesus. Last year, excavations in France turned up a tablet inscribed in Gaulish-Celtic and dating from the fifth century BC.

"Celtic literature is the oldest in Europe after Greek and Latin," said Ellis. "Celtic languages are spoken by four to five million people throughout the world."

What about the Pygmies, I asked, venturing the belittled view that they were the original Celts, remembered in legends as the Little People who first designed the Irish harp. Ellis thought I was on tricky ground there.

The basic Celtic divide is between Gaelic-Irish, Scottish-Gaelic and Manx — and Brethonic, common to Welsh, Cornish and Bretons. Ellis once lived in St Ives, where the local Irish priest, having mastered Cornish, conducted business on behalf of the town with visiting Breton crabbing boats.

Today's fair at the London Welsh Centre (157-163 Grays Inn Road, London WC1) is being supported by 60 Celtic language publishers and organisations representing all six languages. Speakers include Dewi Morris Jones of the Welsh Books Council, best-selling Irish author Donall Mac Ammhaigh, and Bernez An Nail, director of the Breton Cultural Institute.

Ellis reports an encouraging response. "We could have held the fair over three days. Having put our toe in the water we will do it next year on a much grander scale."

This might eventually prove embarrassing to the London Book Fair, whose three-day thrash finished on Thursday.

People is written by Stuart Wavell

Inquiry a better solution than another election

The long running row over the Transport and General Workers' Union's shambolic general secretaryship election last year has finally erupted into a crisis which reflects upon the reputation of the entire labour movement. Enter (belatedly) Mr George Wright, the moderate narrowly defeated for the top job by "broad left" candidate, Mr Ron Todd, who has been working himself in for the past six months. Calling for a replay, Mr Wright comments on the growing electoral credibility gap: "It is not going to go away. It gets worse by the day." Indeed it does. Rumour, malicious gossip and, prima facie, perfectly sincere complaints, multiply. Evidence of organised ballot rigging in one branch has already been accepted as proven by the union itself. That branch is now under investigation by the Bristol and Avon fraud squad. Elsewhere evidence mounts of quite remarkably high turn-outs in areas like Northern Ireland. Yet it is, apparently, easier for journalists to find people effectively denied a vote than it is to find T & G members who were able to slip their ballot papers into the flimsy cardboard boxes supposedly provided for their safe keeping. The union refuses to release, even to its own members, the details of branch voting figures which are essential to removing genuine worries. *Why?*

To suggest that Mr Wright, in calling for a new election, is driven by *opportunism or is* a bad loser is to miss the point. As secretary of the Wales TGWU he is the most prominent union leader in the principality and has substantial status there. By rocking the boat he has endangered his present position and his future career in the union. Mr Wright must have both a bitter sense of grievance and a rational belief that he is on to a winner, to gamble with his future. For he could not easily survive within the union if he lost a re-run election. He may well not survive long as regional secretary anyhow, having broken ranks. Public loyalty to the machine has always been this union's supreme demand.

Mr Moss Evans, the retiring general secretary, continues to display that dogged loyalty. There will, he says, be no re-run of the election and no general inquiry — internal or external. But he will examine individual complaints. Moreover, Mr Evans claims to detect another, politically motivated, counter-conspiracy. *It involves* an unnamed Tory knight, certain newspapers and unidentified Alliance leaders. If this alleged plot *exists its purpose can only be to cast* doubt upon the outcome — if favourable to Labour — of the political levy ballots *which the law requires of* all unions in the coming months. It is hard to accept such a thesis. Just as it is hard to accept the theory put forward by Lord Chapple, who smells one single, central communist conspiracy behind the assorted cock-ups and petty acts of corruption which undoubtedly took place. Yet the Communist Party is unable to orchestrate elections to the board of the Morning Star these days. Can it really fix things in thousands of union branches?

What is easy to accept is that the ramshackle branch ballot system used by the TGWU (most unions use rather similar systems) is wide open to accident and to abuse. Mr George Wright apparently takes that view. He told the Today programme that he opposed an inquiry, because "more things may come out." But that is precisely why a forward looking inquiry should now be held. It is important that the new general secretary should take office in June under a cloudless sky. But it is equally important that changes should be made to avoid future crises — both because efficient and honest elections are a good *thing in themselves and* because (no need for any anti-union plots) the critics and enemies of trade unionism will undoubtedly *exploit doubts and fears* during the levy ballots. Mr Neil Kinnock is a TGWU sponsored MP. Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, is a former official of the TGWU. So they both have reason (both wide and narrow) to insist that Mr Evans set up an independent inquiry as a matter of urgency. And positively to invite recommendations for a new electoral system — postal or otherwise — which will not continue to give rise to legitimate concern each time it is employed. Who better to take charge of such an exercise than Lord Murray of Epping Forest?

Going down, going down, famously

This has not been the happiest of seasons for Stoke City, stuck fast at the bottom of the first division 17 points adrift of the club in 21st place. But at least they could still come out of it having shattered a record that has stood for almost 40 years: the lowest number of points ever attained by any side in the modern first division.

Leeds United set that 18 point record in 1946-7, the first season after the war. (Stoke would have taken the league championship that year had they won the last match of the season, away to Sheffield United on June 14). Leeds completed their programme with a record of six wins, six draws, and 30 defeats, with only one away point in the whole season. Queen's Park Rangers nearly took the record from them in 1968-9, winning only four matches all season, but ended by sharing it.

In 34 matches this season Stoke have taken 17 points. So they have only to avoid any further success this year—an achievement which, to judge from their last two performances, must be well within their grasp—to end Leeds's long pre-eminence. Their performance this year becomes even more remarkable when you allow for the fact that in these inflationary days, a win qualifies for three points, whereas in the austere ration-book-infested conditions of 1946-7 it counted for only two. If Stoke's record this season is revalued at 1946-7 prices, their three wins and eight draws are worth just 14 points—comfortably behind the 17 Leeds had accumulated at the same stage of the 1946-7 season. So even if they pass the magic figure of 18, they may still be able to lay claim to the title of the least successful side in the history of the modern first division.

Stoke are also well-placed to break a second, though less venerable record: that of the fewest goals scored by any side in the 22-club first division. The present holders are Leicester City, with 26 in 1977-8. In their 34 games so far, Stoke have scored 20 goals, only four of them away, an average of 0.6 goals every 90 minutes. If they continue at this rate they will end the season with 24.7 goals, thus squeezing just under Leicester's total.

Stoke's three wins this season still leave them short of Rochdale, who won only twice in 46 matches in the season of 1973-4, and even further adrift of the all-comers champions Vale of Leven who in 1891-2, when some of the present Stoke City players were probably still at school, got through the season without winning any matches at all. Some believe this record will stand for ever, though supporters of Cambridge United are said to believe that when they hit Division Four next season their boys must be in with a chance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How the truth can hurt

Sir,—I found Melanie Phillips' article (Society Tomorrow, April 10) most interesting, particularly her views concerning the *over-riding* duty of doctors to tell the truth.

However, I wonder if many patients really want to hear the truth. Does the woman with osteo-arthritis of the knees want to know that the pain and stiffness of her joints are due to her being too fat, and unless she takes off surplus pounds no one can help her?

Does the chronic bronchitic, coughing incessantly, *want to know that nothing* can help him unless he throws away his cigarettes?

Moreover, how can doctors discuss the nature of patients' illnesses in any depth, when so many of the population have such a vague idea as to how their bodies are structured and how they function?

A famous consultant at my local teaching hospital used to tell his students. "No patient should be made unhappy by having seen the doctor".

Many patients do not want to face the truth; instead they want to be jollied along by the doctor.

I have found during the 31 years of general practice in the East End of London that *many patients live lives of* quiet desperation. For them the truth can be very painful and surely it is better for the doctor to help his patients lives to be more bearable, rather than making *people feel guilty for their* disabilities, as appears to be the attitude of many younger doctors today.—Yours sincerely.

Bernard Taylor,
London E3

Soviet spell

Sir, — Lord Winstanley (April 4) is not quite consistent in his transliteration of the name of the new Soviet leader. If the cyrillic character called 'yo' is represented by the Latin character E — as the noble lord seems to insist — it should follow that other characters as well *should be repre*sented by their nearest visual cousins, so: Gopbacheb. — Yours sincerely'

H. Kotila.
London E2.

Indonesian infamy that Thatcher ignores

Sir.—So, "when it comes to defending independence and freedom," Mrs Thatcher told President Suharto in Jakarta, "we are at one with you." (Guardian, April 10). But, what about Indonesia's forced annexation of East Timor where an estimated 200,000 people have died as a result of Indonesia's military operations?

This loss of life, accounting for about one-third of East Timor's pre-invasion population of 650,000, placed East Timor second only to Kampuchea in terms of death toll, according to a *survey of conflicts published* in 1983 by the Washington-based Center for Defense Information.

But let no-one think that *East Timor is the only place* where Jakarta is imposing its will by means of naked force. In the past year, some 12,000 West Papuans have fled into Papua New Guinea in the face of renewed military *operations* by Indonesian troops, aimed at crushing resistance to Indonesian rule in West Papua, now the Indonesian province of Irian Jaya. This territory was annexed by Indonesia 22 years ago, in May 1963.

Far from becoming reconciled to their fate, the people of West Papua have recently stepped up their opposition, partly in response to Jakarta's plans to resettle nearly three-quarters of a million Javanese in the province by 1989. This programme is driving Papuans from their ancestral lands and turning them into a minority in their own country.

But Mrs Thatcher need not have looked so far afield for *signs of the repressive hand* with which General Suharto governs the country. On the outskirts of Jakarta, just a stone's throw from where *she met and negotiated* with him, troops last September opened fire on a demonstration of Muslims who were calling for the release of four mosque officials.

The massacre that occurred was in many respects a replica of what happened last month in South Africa, except that the death toll was far higher, with more than 60 dead and a far higher number seriously wounded.

But under Indonesia's special brand of freedom which our Prime Minister admires so much, far from the perpetrators of this crime being brought to justice, the victims are the ones now on trial. One of the trials still *in progress* has 28 men in the dock, all of them survivors of the massacre; many of the accused have been crippled for life, and some *have not yet had* operations to remove bullets lodged in their bodies.

As one of their defence lawyers said in court a few weeks ago, they should by rights be suing the government for damages. Instead, we have the spectacle of men being condemned on the basis of evidence from the very soldiers who fired at *them with automatic* weapons.

The irony of Mrs Thatcher's visit is not only that she remained silent "in a thousand tongues" as they say in Indonesia, about such heavy-handed repression but that she went to Jakarta to find new markets for British arms exports, to bolster a military regime responsible for so much bloodshed.—

Carmel Budiardjo.
8a Treport Street,
London SW1.

Sir, — Freedom and democracy can seldom be further from the Prime Minister's mind than when she is acting as Britain's "saleswoman" for British arms.

The rapid growth in British arms sales to Indonesia since 1978, *which have* included 20 Hawk ground attack aircraft, helicopters, armoured cars, and Rapier missiles, displays a callous disregard on the part of the Government for the freedoms of the Indonesians, East Timorese, and West Papuans.

Indonesia is a clear example of a country which should be boycotted, not bolstered with more and more military hardware.

Andrew Dilworth.
5 Caledonian Road,
London N1.

Sir,—The people of the Sudan decided this Easter to celebrate in a most novel and useful fashion.

For years they have laboured under the *shadow of* a tyrant who has devalued *their currency* by over 50 per cent, demoralised the professional classes, brought rioting to the *streets of the* capital and transformed a formerly fertile and prosperous country into a desert.

Upon the decision of their dictator to take a trip abroad, the people of the Sudan accordingly took the correct course in ridding themselves of a menacing leader who had begun to impose an utterly out-moded and damaging sense of values on an intelligent and advanced society.

In the light of these events could it possibly be tentatively suggested that the British could follow a Sudanese precedent while Mrs Thatcher continues to hold forth in South-east Asia? —

Yours faithfully,
George Lucas.
Balliol College.
Oxford.

Foul play

Sir,—It was interesting to read that snooker bosses have ordered tougher action to keep drugs out of their game (leader April 11). The biggest commercial sponsors of snooker, as of all other sports, are the cigarette pushers. Cigarettes are highly addictive to many of their users

The snooker authorities' *action is another fine exam*ple of the double standards which many organisations are forced to adopt once they accept tobacco money. One of the ways such hypocrisy can be highlighted may be illustrated by an example from Australia. A sticker about the cigarette pushers' patronage of artistic events carries the slogan 'Tobacco sponsorship: a pain in the arts.' For snooker there must be many possibilities, such as, "Cigarette sponsorship: *cue for lung cancer?*"—

Yours faithfully,
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London W1.

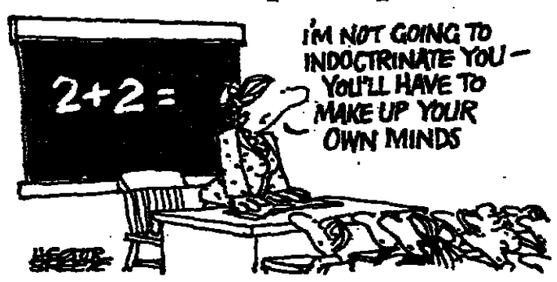
A school ban that fails to keep the peace

Sir,—Your report (April 10) that Devon Education Committee has voted to ban *the wearing of CND* badges and anti nuclear badges in school and also the display of them on teachers cars saddens me.

As headmaster of a Devon comprehensive I heard of this quite ridiculous proposal weeks ago and wrote to our *chairman of governors* asking her to use her influence with the Education Committee to head off this measure which it was obvious would damage teacher morale still further and make the Education Committee a laughing stock.

I am not a member of CND and I do not know of any member of my staff who is; but I am sure there will be badges and to spare on show when term reopens and teachers react angrily to this *high-handed and insulting* edict.

As far as I know there has been no political indoctrination or CND propaganda complained of, so why this act of incredible stupidity? Our masters at County Hall



may not normally be models of sensitivity, but at least one usually expects them to be *politically* street-wise.—

John Sturt,
Devon.

Sir, — The Conservative Chairman of the Devon Education Committee, Mr Ted Pinney, is quoted (April 10) as saying that "the role of *teachers is to teach, not in*doctrinate." Does Devon have no Church schools — or public schools? What are these if not very clear manifestations of parents opting (often at considerable expense) for indoctrination?

Would Mr Pinney not consider it worthwhile to "indoctrinate" our children into the merits of a liberal democracy? What of truth, honesty, decency, good manners — are these not qualities with which our society actually expects its teachers to indoctrinate our children?

What Mr Pinney meant to say, surely, was, "I don't want any pupils even considering the implications of a non-nuclear future, and perhaps being influenced to that end by teachers wearing badges."

Gordon Hook.
East Sussex.

Miscellany

Sir,—In your story *Postwoman Glad Leaps Onto* the Map (Front Page, April 10), you state that "Postman Pat . . . trundles round the Dales in a van," presumably meaning the Yorkshire Dales. In fact, although Pat delivers in Greendale, *this is in the* Lake District, and is based *on the* Kentmere Valley, near Kendal. Do not be misled by the 'dale' of Greendale—many Lake District valleys are 'dales', notably Langdale, Eskdale and Borrowdale. Postman Pat himself was modelled on a Kendal postman.—Yours.

Harold Rurlander,
(another Kendal postman)
Kendal, Cumbria.

Sir, Please allow me to alter the image of the woodstove as depicted in your Country Diary (April 6). The woodburning stove is in fact the saviour of our woodlands.

Coppice management involves felling *sections of* the woodland over a period of 15 to 20 years providing plenty of firewood logs. In Essex many woods are being recoppiced and the benefits to wildlife are considerable. Hedgerow trees, if they have been pollarded need cutting *again and again providing* both fuel and habitat. So Mr Condry should look again, woodstoves, coppicing and pollarding are wonderful bedmates. — Yours

C. Jarvis,
Chelmsford, Essex.

Sir,—Your redoubtable diarist reports one Mr Beuselinck, solicitor to a once-witty journal, as likening solicitors to cabs on a rank, "with clients able to pick and choose between *them.*" (April 11). Apart from the fact that one is normally forced to take the cab at the head of the rank, isn't it barristers to whom this simile refers? Solicitors are perhaps more like thirsty hire cars.—Yours *sincerely*,

Jacqueline Castles.
London W2.

Sir, — Mr Silver (April 12) tries to refute my statement (April 10) that Mr *Steel voted for the successful* resolution at the last Liberal Assembly which contained the item calling for immediate withrawal of American missiles. Mr Silver is wrong. The Liberal Party officially *confirmed to me that* Mr Steel, as was widely reported at the time, did vote for that resolution. Perhaps Silver does not know that all voting at Liberal Assembly is by show of hands.

Richard Wainwright, MP,
(Lib, Colne Valley).
London SW1.

Where young people get the best out of YTS

Sir, — Your letters page (April 9) gives space generously to yet another diatribe against the Youth Training Scheme, this time from Pat Ainley, backed by the aca*demic respectability of a De*partment of Social Sciences.

Everybody knows that YTS was introduced with indecent haste, from political expediency, without adequate preparation, and everyone recognises that it probably has more than its fair share *of cowboys and mavericks.* However, as the person responsible, over the last two years, for building up on behalf of the Clothing Industry Training Board, the second largest national managing *agency in the country*, I am becoming increasingly irritated by the succession of denigratory generalisations which seem wilfully to ignore the genuine achievements of the scheme.

Our own programme within the clothing industry is administered and monitored by a team of skilled, trained and committed Youth Training Officers and it is insulting to both their integ*rity and abilities to describe* the scheme which they operate, if only by association as "shoddy time-wasting."

Under the ITB's aegis, trainees entering the industry undergo a properly *planned programme within* the spirit and philosophy of YTS. They receive a broader based work preparation than their predecessors ever did; their training includes substantial elements of personal development; many of them who have never travelled *farther than 10 miles from* where they were born have the benefit of specially designed residential courses. Their progress is systematically assessed and documented, and they *receive regular counselling.*

Your Correspondent claims that the scheme "offers neither permanent employment nor (in the large majority of cases) any real training." The clothing industry scheme has provided permanent employment for over 95 per cent of its trainees, and we have about 3,000 in all. Between half and two thirds of these were employed whilst on the scheme, many of *them from the beginning.*

And they have been paid wages council rates rather than a "pitiful allowance." There may be justification in many schemes for the accusation of "no real train*ing," but it is precisely this* indiscriminate generalising which undermines the work of organisations such as ourselves, who are training conscientiously and professionally within YTS.

Youngsters on YTS in the clothing industry do not regard the scheme as a "rip off" or "con job." It is for *them a route into full em*ployment, equipping them better than anything which went before, to cope with the demands of working life.

Of course, our scheme is not perfect, and we too have our mavericks but Mr Ainley and others do a serious disservice to the *potential of* YTS when they choose, for the sake of their argument, to ignore its best manifestations. — Yours faithfully,

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Merrion Way, Leeds.

Towns with good prospects

Sir,—The revelations in John Cunningham's interesting articles (April 10, 11) on past and future new towns may come as a surprise to those who have not kept up to date with developments in the public and private sectors. Some of his statements will also surprise those who have been involved in the work of new towns and in the winding up of development corporations.

It is a mistake to suppose *that*, when left to themselves, former new towns will lose the impetus which development corporations have created or that the achievements of growth will wither when responsibility passes to those who live and work in them or to those who will own and manage their assets.

There is nothing wrong with the idea of people running their own towns and experience in the USA has shown that private ownership can stimulate and promote prosperity as well as helping to create successful and happy communities.

It is also untrue that, in the new towns, joblessness is higher in new rather than old industries. In Redditch, as in other new towns which were concerned with the expansion of existing communities, the reverse has happened and the evidence points to the survival of more firms whose initiative and enterprise have been put to the test in new town conditions.

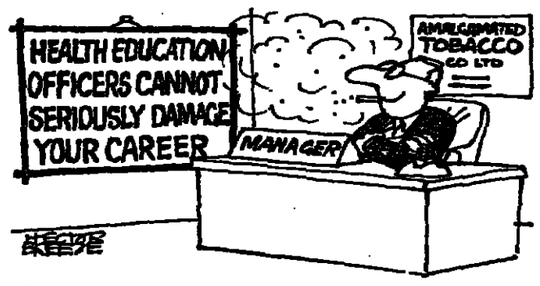
Environment ministers who have paid tribute to the achievements of development corporations have done so in the knowledge that tax payers' money has been well invested and can themselves take credit for the successes which their policies have already met — and those *which are still to come.*—

Yours faithfully,
Denys Hinton,
Chairman,
Redditch Development Corporation,
Redditch, Worcestershire.

Sir,—John Cunningham's interesting article on the winding up of the New Town Corporations did not point out that the five Scottish New Towns, Cumbernauld, East Kilbride, Glenrothes, Irvine and Livingston answer *to the Secretary of State for* Scotland and not through the Department of the Environment. Nor are the Scottish New Towns being wound up with the same rapidity as their English and Welsh *counterparts. Indeed, in the* case of the younger Scottish new towns it may be the year 2000 before wind up is complete.

Martin Roche,
London Executive,
Scottish New Towns London Office,
London SW1.

When good work doesn't pay



Sir,—Indications of the values of a society can often be gleaned from apparently small pieces of evidence. We *wonder what a social histo*rian in a hundred years time would make of these recent job advertisements. The first is for a manager for a cigarette manufacturer:

"The Manager will be the initiator and co-ordinator in all aspects of new product development from the identification of market needs through research . . .

". . . Any new Philip Morris tobacco product will have a lot to live up to. As a direct result of a highly aggressive and innovative mar*keting approach*, our Marlboro brand is the largest selling cigarette in the world

". . . A salary package of around£ 20,000 plus will be offered to the right candidate together with a quality car, *relocation assistance* and excellent opportunities for personal and career development within this thriving international company" (Sunday Times, April 7).

An advertisement for a District Health Education Officer for Wirral Health Au*thority "for* promoting health, organising, and developing and stimulating an interest in health education" refers to a salary of £10,861-*£13,182* — presumably without the "quality car". (The Guardian, March 27).—Yours

Elizabeth and John Towner.
Stratford on Avon.

Artistic myths

Sir, — Nicholas de Jongh is perpetuating a damaging *myth about the character of* Pamela (Arts Guardian, April 9).

De Jongh suggests that Pamela attracts Mr Belville actively, rather than just being an unavoidably attrac*tive girl. De Jongh writes* that she "refuses to yield before marriage is promised" — wording which many would take to imply that Pamela was baiting Mr Belville with her sexual charms

Pamela is a 14-year-old working maid when Mr Belville begins sexually harassing her — too naive to be a manipulator of Mr Belville's sexual feelings.

There is a great pro-Pamela feeling amongst readers. Her story is one of intense psychological stress. Certainly Mr de Jongh is en*titled to his Shamela opin*ions, but let me redress the balance. — Yours faithfully,

Elizabeth McIntyre,
Harborne, Birmingham.

Sir,—Perpetuating myths does not help those who chase after the authentic in music.

In his criticism of Hogwood (Guardian, April 9) *Michael John White asserts*, in concert with the venerable Chrysander (1858) that Apollo e Dafne was written by Handel for his Italian *patron Prince Ruspoli.*

Last year, though, Hans Joachim Marx demonstrated that much of the work had in fact been written out by a *copyist to the Hanover Court* on paper produced in Saxony. Marx concluded that the work was likely produced for performance in Hanover during Handel's brief stay there during the summer of 1710.

Martin Medforth.
St Albans, Herts.

Employment policy on the road to nowhere

Sir,—I *am sorry* to read (Leader, April 8) that The Guardian is convinced by the argument that to build roads is to create jobs. The Ad*visory Committee on Trunk* Road Assessment looked in vain in 1977 for evidence that roads bring jobs: it found none. Whatever the apparent logic of the argument, the fact is that roads *have not* been the key to economic regeneration anywhere. A glance at the motorway map and at the unemployment statistics of Merseyside or Tyne and Wear will provide confirmation.

We do still need roads of course. The question is whether we need more of them: considering both the cost, financial, social and environmental, and the *largely unexamined alterna*tives, it is clear that we do not. There is simply not room for all the cars which people would like to put on the road at any one time, and a road-building programme which sought to provide that room would destroy our cities

The answer is to develop an integrated approach to *the problem of access*: given a good public transport system, many people will opt to use it instead of their car. This has already happened in London and in Tyne and Wear, for example. Given a taxation policy which forced car users to appreciate the *real* costs of their private motoring, company car or not, would lead *many more* to join the bus queue.

The Government's policies are quite opposed to all this. The Transport Bill will not only *seriously* if not terminally damage bus networks all over the country (including eventually London) but will also threaten BR commuter routes.

Susan Hoyle,
Transport 2000,
London NW1.

Why Iran must give way

Sir, — Your editorial (April 10) quite rightly draws attention to the danger of a superpower involvement in the Iraq/Iran conflict if it expanded beyond its present level.

There can be no argument about which country is the obstacle to peace as the Iranian leaders publicly continue to reject Iraq's offers of a negotiated settlement which would safeguard both countries national rights.

Shuld not the superpowers and their allies cooperate, therefore, in bringing pressure to bear on Iran to at least try to end the war through a negotiated settlement? This course of action would remove the threat of a wider conflict.

Mick Ashley,
35a North Road,
Brighton, East Sussex.

A COUNTRY DIARY

LONGDENDALE: A dark tongue of hill country pokes south-westwards to separate the Tame and Etherow valleys. It hides Stalybridge and Mossley from Mottram and Hollingworth and always looks fascinating from the western hills of Peakland — from, say Coombes Edge or *Peaknaze Moor.* Always sombre, it seems, this spur is Hollingworthhall Moor and rises to only 1,309 feet but gives as close a view of the industrial North-West as any hill I know. You look straight down into Dukinfield and Stalybridge and up the serpentine, townhung dale towards Saddleworth and see the constant comings and goings on Yorkshire — Greater Manchester roads and trains to and from Leeds. On these heathery, exposed slopes derelict and blackened hill farms are juxtaposed with small housing estates. Girls ride fat ponies and good lifers tether their goats on neglected pastures between tumble-down walls. Three-storeyed weavers' cottages climbinto the clouds an dit's not hard to find what must have been models for some of Laurence Lowry's more rural landscapes — sooty houses on sad moorland. Rain clouds never far away. Yes, this part seems to get more than its fair share of heavy cloud, thick stuff that shuts out a lot of sunlight and *turns the hill shapes* into featureless, half-seen outlines. The damp westerlies come this way, rising for the first time on this side of the Pennines so that we usually remember days on Windgate Edge or Hollingworthhall Moor as sunless and grim. The high voltage power lines strung *from* towering pylon supports do nothing to enhance the scene. They cross *from* Tintwistle Low Moor to Stalybridge, passing close to the highest part of the hill: the song of the wind in this giant rigging does nothing to soften the character of the place. Occasionally, though, the sky does clear and the sun comes through to light up long distance vistas *right* across the Cheshire plain, beyond the spread of bricks and mortar and tower blocks to the blue outlines of Welsh hills.

ROGER A. REDFERN

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WEEKEND SPORT

Robert Armstrong charts Brian Stein's journey from the veldt to a Villa Park semi-final

Cape boy full of good hope

BRIAN STEIN is light years away from the soccer stereotype who plays cards, enjoys Dallas, steak and chips and worries about buying a swimming pool or a new car. The Luton striker loves tennis, took A levels in sociology and modern history, trained to be a social worker, and developed political attitudes sharpened by raw experience long before he became a professional footballer.

The South African-born Stein has been buffeted by both life and sport since he was a child, but it would be wrong to think of him as a grim and serious person. His sunny disposition has survived lengthy injuries and the trauma of being taken up and dropped by England after just one game last year. Today's FA Cup semi-final is Stein's biggest personal test in the public eye since that dismal defeat by France on a cold February night in Paris.

Naturally Luton will rely heavily on the finishing power of Stein, whose opportunist goal against Millwall last month put the Hatters in the semi-finals for the first time in 26 years. With well over 100 goals to his credit in around 300 senior games, Stein has scored more goals for Luton than any other player in the current squad.

As he attempts to penetrate Everton's defence at Villa Park, the alluring vision of Wembley will seem a far cry from the dusty veldt of South Africa where Stein first kicked a ball. "People get the impression that rugby is the most popular sport in South Africa, due to the Springboks, but actually football is favoured by a far greater number. Rugby tends to be regarded as the white man's sport."

However, it was the white man's politics that ended Stein's sporting reveries in Cape Town at the age of eight. His father Isiah was placed under house arrest because of his activity in anti-apartheid politics and soon afterwards — this was the mid-sixties — the entire family, including seven brothers, made the one-way trip to London. Fortunately, father Stein quickly found a job with the publishers Heinemann's.

Since setting up house in Willesden in 1966, Stein has not returned to South Africa, though the British passport he now possesses in theory enables him to visit his homeland. In spite of his many personal contacts with the South African Non-Racial Overseas Committee, Brian has never really emulated his father with active support of the anti-apartheid movement in this country.

"I feel I ought to be more involved, but perhaps achieving a little bit of success has made me too comfortable," remarked Stein with his usual candour. "Last year I wrote a regular football column for Newsline, the journal of the Workers' Party, but I soon had reporters ringing me up and asking 'Are you a Commie?' It was ridiculous because other footballers like Chris Hughton also wrote for the paper.

"I used to reply 'You would not ask me about my politics if I was writing for the Sun.' They would say 'This is different, because the Workers' Party wants to overthrow the Government.' I don't write the column now."

As it happens, Stein's politics are about as revolutionary as those of the Labour Party.

Stein is almost as passionate about tennis as soccer, confessing that he would have loved to have been a tennis pro. His brother Bertram, a qualified LTA coach, plays at the Cumberland Club and gives Brian the occasional session when he comes down from his village home at Flitwick, near Luton, to London.

"Once we played a doubles at Queen's Club, but it was embarrassing—I was so far out of my depth I wanted a paper bag to put over my head. I have real trouble with my backhand." Now Stein feels more at home playing a few sets with Luton's assistant manager Trevor Hartley who apparently makes a habit of getting every ball back over the net.

In fact, Stein might have remained a part-time footballer with non-League clubs like Sudbury—where John Barnes began—and Edgware Town, were it not for the happy chance of meeting the current Luton coach, John Moore. One day in 1977 Stein scored four goals for Edgware in a 4-1 win over Dunstable Town, then managed by Moore, and as a result his life changed overnight.

Moore tipped off his friend Harry Haslam, then Luton's manager, Stein was watched by David Pleat playing against Boreham Wood, and on Pleat's recommendation the striker signed for the Hatters on his 20th birthday. Stein, who had not long taken his A levels at Kilburn Polytechnic, made an immediate impact in the Second Division, scoring 14 goals in his first full season, 1978-9.

Without doubt the most painful experience of Stein's career was his performance for England at the Park des Princes. "It was a nightmare. Many of us played well below our best while France played like the best team in the world. I could have told you then that they would win the European Championship in the summer." Stein's only international appearance since that 2-0 defeat has been for Dave Sexton's under-21 side as an over-age player when England beat Italy 1-0.

At 27, Stein is at the crossroads of his career, undecided whether to accept a new three-year contract with Luton this summer after almost eight seasons with the club. He is generous in his acknowledgement of the help received from both Pleat and Sexton, who have moulded his style at the highest level. Yet it would not be a complete surprise if he seeks fresh stimulus elsewhere.

Today's showpiece, followed possibly by a Wembley appearance, gives Stein the opportunity to make the impact that would attract other clubs. But the fact that Luton's ambitious chairman, David Evans, has supplied the finance to help Pleat build a much stronger team, is bound to give Stein food for thought.

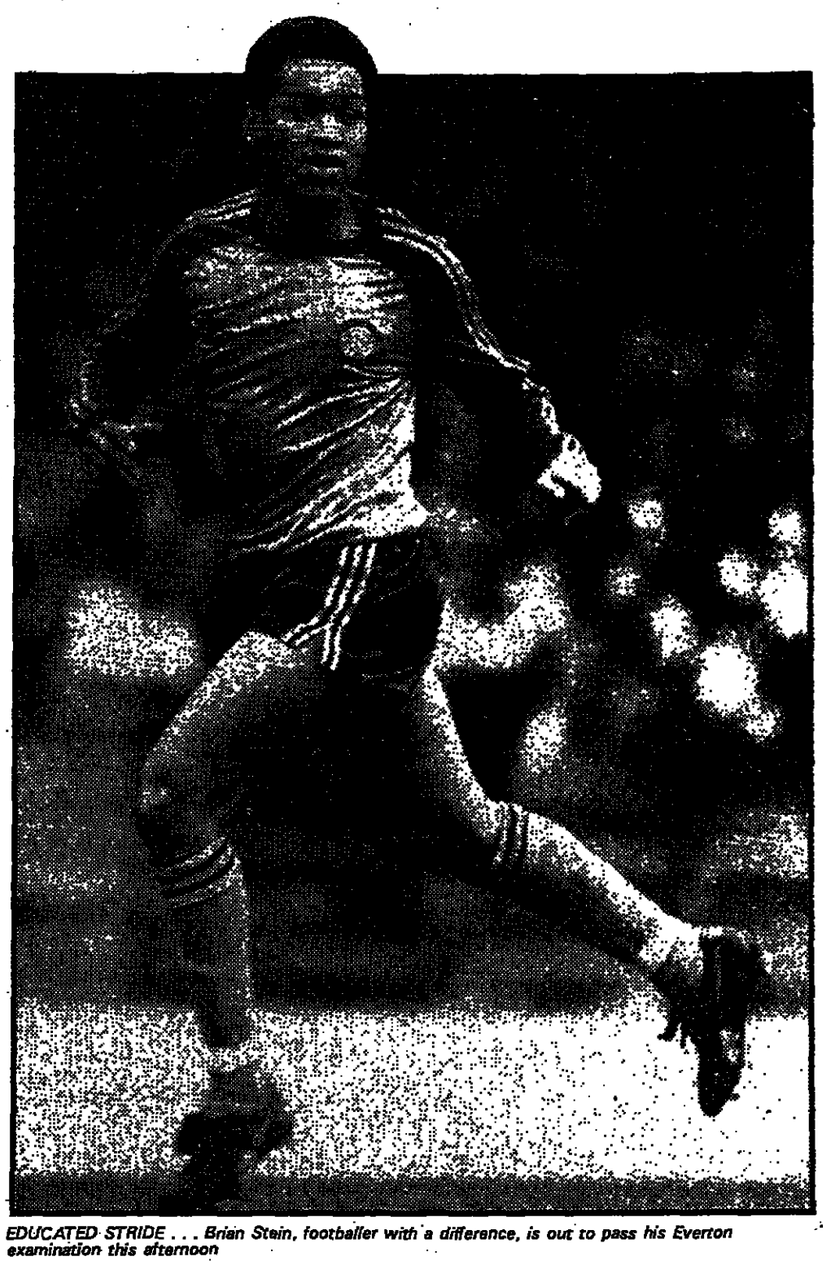
"We have lost only three of our last 16 games and that proves the team has more potential than it did last year," said Stein. "The arrival of Mick Harford has given our play a completely new dimension because we have not used a target man of his type before. We used to play two nippy front runners—now we are less predictable and have more options in attack."

"We still play the ball to feet, but we also hit high crosses into the box and sometimes knock the ball straight up from the back. In midfield the influence of Preece and Nicholas has been equally valuable because Ricky Hill was having to give so much time to helping out younger, more inexperienced players.

"At the back Steve Foster is very experienced and likes talking his way through a game—he seems to like the sound of his own voice, which is a very good thing for us. Mal Donaghy has become a tremendous influence since he began playing for Northern Ireland three or four years ago. He leads more by example and, with Steve, has helped to bring along our two young full-backs."

No-one is more keenly aware than Stein that Luton are precariously poised between glory and obscurity—between FA Cup success and relegation back to the Second Division the Hatters inhabited only three years ago. Despite Luton's improved form in the League Stein has failed to score since that intimidating meeting with Millwall. Today, the man from the Cape will pray for a fair wind to set him back on course.

● David Lacey on the semi-finals, page 12.



EDUCATED STRIDE . . . Brian Stein, footballer with a difference, is out to pass his Everton examination this afternoon

Hearns plans a burial at Caesars

Tommy Hearns fights Marvin Hagler for the World Middleweight title on Monday. Frank Keating sets the scene

FROM this distance it is hard to credit that Marvin Hagler might set out in defence of his world title on Monday as the underdog. I suppose the Las Vegas gamblers of Caesars Palace know their green onions better than most, and it is said the pile of heavy wads make Tommy Hearns favourite to beat the menacing, shaven-headed champion to add the World Middleweight title to the other two he has already won.

Hagler is nine years unbeaten. Hearns says he will knock him out inside 10 minutes. It is difficult to picture the fearsome Hagler prostate, event at bedtime, and I won't believe it until I see it — which, alas, I won't for I am off to the cricket in Spain.

If Hagler's time is really up I suppose Hearns is the man to call him in. The challenger is one heck of a fist fighter. He has won 34 out of 40 inside the distance. A six footer, he is awkwardly long, not compactly wide like the more orthodox Hagler. Hearns has a relentless closed-knuckled right hand primed and cocked for manslaughter, but you don't have to ask England's Minter or Sibson whether they recall the ageing champion's two-handed blows, upstairs and down. It could be an awesome night.

I might be missing the Nevada thunderstorm but I will not miss Las Vegas. It is a frightful dump. My first trip to Caesars Palace was to watch Hearns' attempt to take the welterweight title from Sugar Ray Leonard.

That was an epic challenge in the hotel car park under the desert stars. Hearns stalked the smaller man, his jackhammer right cocked; Leonard, an arrogant half-wary smile for ever playing about his choirboy's face, kept out of trouble as if on a circus trick-cycle — backwards and forwards and mostly sideways, left then right, ducking, bobbing, always that smile, always using the ropes like there might be a snakepit in the centre of the ring. Occasionally they tore at each other in a snarling exchange

In the sixth I can still hear the shriek from Hearns as he was nearly ripped apart by a right hander to the breadbasket. He came back for more. By the ninth, however, his ammo was damp with sweat. Still he rallied heroically in a vicious 11th round.

But it was the last shot, and now Leonard circled the wagon with awful intent gleaming from his one good eye. In came the arrows, and still that smile, and by the 14th the burning missiles came over and Hearns was a gonner.

Then the bejewelled Ritzy throng went back in to the roulette wheels and crap tables. The big boys come to the fights for free, no charges at all—except of course to play the tables. Caesars is by no means the biggest hotel in the strange, mad frontier town. It was built in the 1960s to be the gaudiest of the gaudy. The rooms are packed with all the hedonist trimmings—mirrored bedroom ceilings above circular canopied beds, and enough plush red and bright gold trappings to send any reasonable person colour blind.

The waitresses wear tiny togas as pelmets to the longest legs you can imagine. The hotel stationery is parchment like. The note on your dressing-room table tells you—there is no apostrophe in the title—that would mean this was the palace of only one Caesar. "We want to create the feeling for you that everybody in this hotel is a Caesar...

The idea of flying in the punters for a sports event began on New Year's Eve, 1967 when Evel Knievel tried to jump his motorcycle over the palace's famed and fluted fountain. Evel, whether by accident or design, came a cropper, broke his hip, pelvis and one side of his rib cage—but the management were satisfied.

Boxing was the obvious sport that would keep them coming back. The first heavyweight title fight in Las Vegas was at the Convention Centre when Liston knocked out Patterson in the first round in 1963. Ali beat Patterson two years later. Then Caesars got in on the act beginning with the World Heavyweight Championship of Tennis when Connors beat Laver.

Just before my first visit there, apparently the promoter Don King was driving down the Strip with the owners of Caesars Palace. Said King, in his usual hyperbolic manner: "Guys, this match between Hearns and Leonard is going to be so big we're going to have to hold it on the moon."

Said the Caesars man without changing expression: "So we'll build a moon." There was no reason to believe he did not mean it. On balance, however, I'd rather be in Spain on Monday.

● Boxing news at home, p.12

The Welsh wizard who spelled trouble

As Manchester United go into their FA Cup semi-final today, David Lacey recalls Billy Meredith, a Mancunian idol who is the subject of a fascinating new book

BILLY MEREDITH died in the spring of 1958, two months after the Munich aircrash had destroyed Matt Busby's young Manchester United team. Because of its timing the passing of a man who had become a legend with both the Manchester club, did not receive the attention it deserved.

People were still too stunned by the deaths of Duncan Edwards, Roger Byrne and the others to dwell for long on the memory of a footballer who had played his last match for United 37 years earlier. Yet the name of Billy Meredith ranks with that of Stanley Matthews in the history of the British game.

Until Matthews broke his record in 1965, Meredith held the distinction of having been the oldest active player in the Football League. He was 50 before he retired and his last appearance was for Manchester City in an FA Cup semi-final against Newcastle. Needless to say, City lost.

Meredith played for City from 1894 to 1905 and again from 1921 to 1924. In between he played for Manchester United. He won 48 Welsh caps.

Meredith was an outside-right in the classic style; indeed he did as much as anybody to create the style. He was a marvellous dribbler and an excellent passer and crosser of the ball. He also scored goals. While all this was happening, Meredith invariably chewed on a toothpick.

Yet in the 1905-06 season Meredith did not play at all. Thereby hangs an intriguing tale and one which has been painstakingly researched and documented in a new biography — **Football Wizard. The Story of Billy Meredith** by John Harding (Breedon Books, £4.95).

It is a story of Edwardian attitudes among the football authorities, the growing power of the professional players and the slow realisation that the game had become more of a business than sport. At the end of it you realise that between 1906 and 1960 English soccer did not change all that much.

In 1905 the Football Association suspended Meredith for the whole of the following season for attempting to bribe an Aston Villa player, their captain, Alec Leake, with £10 in a match that City had to win to take the League championship. Four years later Meredith and the whole of the United team were banned sine die, this time because they had formed a players union.

The two events, as Harding illustrates, were not unconnected. By the Edwardian period professional football was no longer a novelty. The FA was more than 40 years old and the League had been operating for two decades. Soccer was part of the entertainment business and playing to a large audience.

United were a glamour club even before the First World War. Players had their own businesses and at the height of the players union crisis Meredith's men's outfitters was badly damaged by fire. Fortunately the FA Cup, held by United and on display in the shop, was not damaged.

As ever, money lay at the heart of football's problems. The bigger clubs always wanted to pay their players more than the regulations allowed and at one point 20 of them threatened to break away and form their own super league if they could not have their own wages structure — plus ca change...

But in 1900 the FA had accepted a resolution from the smaller clubs that the wage ceiling should be £4 a week, including bonuses. This, it was argued, would stop the best players drifting to the rich clubs, a view which persisted until the wage restrictions were lifted in 1961.

However, after City had won the FA Cup for the first time in 1904, Meredith freely admitted that they had made illegal payments: "What was the secret of success of the Manchester City team? In my opinion the fact that the club put aside the rule that no player should receive more than £4 a week."

Such bluntness was to have fearful repercussions both for Meredith and the club. At the end of the 1905 season City's attempt to add the championship to their Cup triumph foundered at Villa. After they had lost a bad-tempered match which included many fouls, mud-slinging (literally) and a punch-up, the FA held an inquiry and astonished everybody with their decision on Meredith's attempted bribe. After all, they were supposed to be investigating a brawl.

Nevertheless Meredith was found guilty on the evidence of Leake, who had first looked on the bribery attempt as a joke but had to admit that an offer had been made, plus some hearsay evidence which would not have stood up in a court of law.

In 1906 City were hauled up before the FA for illegal payments. All their directors were suspended—two, including the chairman, for life. Several players were fined and, like Meredith, banned for a year. As Harding puts it: "After taking close on £50,000 in five years the club had now no real assets at all. . . just a few stands, some kit, and cash in hand of £15." And this was half-a-century before the return of Big Mal.

Meredith, anything but repentant, was contemptuous of the football authorities.

Meredith was not a political militant even though these were turbulent social times with the Labour Party finding its feet and the new unions winning important rights under the 1909 Trades Dispute Act. If he voted at all, he voted Liberal.

But between 1907 and 1909 his was the well-known voice that was constantly heard as attempts were made, with strong United backing, to form a footballers union.

The Players' Union was formed at the Imperial Hotel, Manchester, at the end of 1907 with Meredith in the chair. Their aims were the familiar ones — freedom of contract, an end to wage restraint, basic civil rights, etc. Matters came to a head early in 1909 when the union wanted a player in dispute with his club over wages to be allowed to go to law under the new Workmen's Compensation Act.

The FA retaliated by telling the clubs to insert a clause in each new contract by which players would disown the union and declare their allegiance to Football Association regulations. In March, newspaper reports suggested that the Players' Union were trying to persuade the England team to go on strike on the eve of the Scotland match, but these were denied by Meredith.

Nevertheless, the FA duly suspended the whole of the United team that summer and there was a moment of farce when the players turned up at the ground for their wages and on failing to get them took several items in lieu of cash — a picture off the wall, looking-glasses, hairbrushes and so on — which went on sale at a nearby pub. It was not a serious gesture; the property was soon returned.

After this brief drama the crisis fizzled out. Although the United players had refused to betray their union, they signed separate contracts with the club for the coming season. But Meredith was not among them. In his column in the Weekly News he urged the players to stand firm and not forfeit the right to strike. The Corinthians offered to play a Players Union team to raise funds.

In November, however, the players were balloted on whether or not they wanted to remain affiliated to the General Federation of Trades Unions and the proposal was heavily defeated.

"I confess that the bulk of the players have not shown much pluck in the matter," Meredith said later, "but the clubs who have led the players forward and who voted solidly in favour of remaining within the Federation have the satisfaction of knowing that they behaved like men. A man said to me the other day, 'Ah the players have not the pluck of the miners,' and he was right of course."

How ironic that a future chairman of the Professional Footballers Association should be a Manchester United right-winger — Steve Coppell.



MAN AND THE CARICATURE . . . Billy Meredith and, right his popular depiction, complete with toothpick

Now that Larry Holmes has signed to fight light heavyweight champion Michael Spinks for between 2.5 and 3 million dollars he has changed his mind about announcing his retirement.

He indicated after beating David Bey in March that he would not pursue Rocky Marciano's undefeated record of 49 wins, but he has changed his mind about that as well. Holmes, who has gone 47 fights without loss, said on Thursday: "I might as well go for it. Everybody is pushing me. I am talking 49 and 50. I'll have to look at the situation after Spinks."



HAGLER : Menacing



HEARNS : Favourite



SOCCER DIARY

Patrick Barclay

Minister loses his appetite

WHEN Neil Macfarlane watches Everton at Stoke a week tomorrow, he will be making his first visit to a *League ground this season.* The Sports Minister's three previous incursions into the great national game, according to a Commons written reply, have been to Wembley — for the Charity Shield and *Milk Cup final* — and *Loakes* Park, where the Member for Sutton and Cheam saw Wycombe Wanderers play Sutton United.

Indeed it is interesting to note that the Minister's interest in soccer appears to have waned steadily since 1982, when he launched himself so enthusiastically into the World Cup finals in Spain. Macfarlane watched a total of *13 matches that season, but* only nine the next, then eight, and can now be virtually counted among the missing millions. I wonder why. Perhaps it's all this hooliganism that's keeping him away.

MERSEYSIDE police, who claimed not to have noticed the depraved "Munich 58" and "Shankly 81" banners which polluted the atmosphere when Liverpool met Manchester United a fortnight ago, promise to be more vigilant at today's Goodison semifinal.

"Extra officers will be on duty at the turnstiles to prevent such banners getting *into the ground," promises* Inspector Ian Thomson, "and if anything offensive does appear during the match we shall certainly remove it." But would offenders be charged? "Depends what the banner says. There's certainly the possibility of a breach of the Public Order Act."

DON REVIE, late of the United Arab Emirates, will be distressed to hear that his former charges have been accused of offering a $10,000 bribe to Thai opponents during the Asian Youth Championships.

LIVERPOOL'S match programme on Wednesday night carried an instructive profile of Jacek Gmoch, the Panathanaikos manager. He had been assistant manager of the Polish national side before taking full charge, had spent a couple of seasons in Norway with Skeid Oslo, "and in 1982 he fetched up in Greece". Well, we all know the feeling: too much retsina with the souvlaki. Poor Jacek had another rough night at Anfield, with expletives having to be deleted from his post-match view of the referee's decisions. He was, as we would say, "sick as a parrot".

THE LATE Bob Lord, in his heyday as chairman of Burnley, used to say that the average professional footballer couldn't run a fish-and-chip shop. This, I learn from a Turf Moor regular, places the club's former England winger, John Connelly, JP, well above the average — his crisply fried products console my friend on his way home from Third Division matches.

STOKE supporters, heading for the Second Division, attempted to draw consolation from a battle of wits at Old Trafford last Saturday. When Manchester United fans taunted them about relegation, they replied with a chorus of "We're not bothered anymore". Then they chanted the Boxing Day scoreline at the Victoria Ground, where United lost 2-1, adding: "What's it like to lose at Stoke?" To which the response came all too easily: "You should know, you should know . . . "

● Luton Borough Council is *backing Luton in its opposition* to the FA's disciplinary action following the mob violence in the FA Cup quarter-final against Millwall. The FA has ordered Luton Town to build an eight-foot fence *round its Kenilworth Road* pitch in a bid to control unruly fans.

● *Police last night warned* fans that hundreds of forged tickets could be on sale for today's FA Cup semi-final between Liverpool and Manchester United. Detectives in Manchester have recovered *400 of the forgeries for* the game at Goodison Park and fear that hundreds more could be in circulation.

David Lacey on today's FA Cup semi-finals

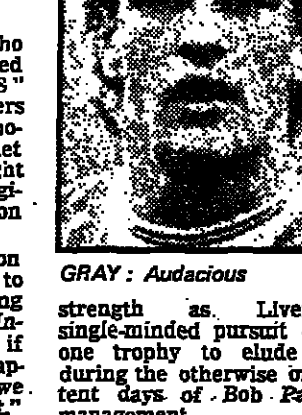
Luton have to shackle Gray

VERY LITTLE in football stays *unique for long and for* this reason, if no other, there must be a fair chance of Liverpool and Everton meeting in the FA Cup final at Wembley on May 18, having provided the first all-Merseyside final when they contested the Milk Cup just over a year ago.

Such a line of thought is also in accord with those who believe that whereas last season Liverpool won the League championship while Everton took the FA Cup, this time the honours will be reversed. It is all a matter of statistical neatness although the records show *that in seven Cup ties since* 1921 Liverpool have failed to beat Manchester United, their opponents in today's semi-final at Goodison Park, that they lost to United in a semi-final replay in 1979 and *have won only one of the* last 10 League encounters between the clubs.

These are hardly football arguments. The real reason for thinking that Wembley will again be treated to the harmonious rivalry of a Liverpool-Everton final has more to do with the relative *strengths and moods of the* four sides that will go into *this afternoon's matches.*

Put simply, Everton should prove too strong for Luton at Villa Park. In the other semi-final it will be not so much as a case of superior



GRAY: Audacious

strength as Liverpool's single-minded pursuit of the one trophy to elude them during the otherwise omnipotent days of Bob Paisley's management.

For four years the Milk Cup has been Liverpool's insurance of a place in Europe the following season but now *that guarantee has passed to* Norwich City. If all else fails Liverpool are likely to qualify for the UEFA Cup because of their high League position but this would be a small compensation for finishing the season without a prize, and the FA Cup final comes 11 days before the European Cup final when they will almost certainly be facing Juventus, Platini and *all, in Brussels.*

It would be easy to dismiss Everton's match as a foregone conclusion and concentrate on the momentous confrontation at Goodison. But that would be a gross insult to Luton Town who are bravely carrying the flag of mainstream League football towards Wembley and cannot be regarded as a side with little hope.

True, they are deeply involved in the relegation struggle near the bottom of the First Division but since losing at Everton on New *Year's Day their form* has been more akin to that of a team improving itself in the top half of the table. Three defeats in 16 matches is not a record which suggests that Everton about to enjoy a *near-walkover.*

But of course Everton should win. They have the better *means to score goals* and are better equipped to prevent them. Their midfield has more width, pace, and superior tackling strength. Even if Sheedy, who missed the Cup-winners Cup game *in Munich on Wednesday* because of damaged ankle ligaments, cannot play Richardson is a more than adequate deputy and did, after all, appear against Watford in last season's final.

Against that Luton are a team on the up. Their 4-0 win at Stoke on Monday will have further increased their confidence, they have an experienced partnership at centre-back in Foster and Donaghy, a dominant target figure in Harford and a potential match-winner in Stein. Because Nicholas and Preece are cup-tied Turner will be back in the midfield *this afternoon*, a hard-working, unglamorous player who sometimes has an inspired moment — such as when he ended the fifth round saga against Watford with a well-taken goal.

However if one is searching for a player likely to settle the matter with a piece of audacious individual play then it is hard to look beyond Gray who returns *after injury to lead the* Everton attack and has recently been scoring the type of goal that epitomised his heyday at Aston Villa.

Foster and his headband *may have provided Luton* with the leadership on the field that they lost with Horton's departure, but Gray's cleverly-angled shrewdly-timed runs could end the former Brighton captain's hopes of leading a team to Wembley for the second time in three years.

One of the reasons why Manchester United defeated Liverpool at Anfield a fortnight ago was that Rush could not make any significant impression on the United centre-backs, McGrath and Hogg. No doubt Liverpool will be faced with a similar problem this afternoon and will again be looking to Dalglish to provide passes of *sufficient imagination* to give Rush his chance.

But as Wednesday's decisive win against Panathinaikos in the European Cup semi-finals showed *Liverpool are rapidly* reacquiring their old habit of scoring from any position.

Liverpool. — Grobbelaar (from): Neal, Beglin, Lawrenson, Lee, Hansen, Dalglish, Whelan, Rush, Macdonald, Wark, Nicol, Johnston, Molby, Walsh, Gillespie.

Manchester United. — Bailey, Gidman, Albiston, Whiteside, McGrath, Hogg, Robson, Strachan, Hughes, Stapleton, Olsen. Sub: Duxbury.

Referee.—G. Courtney (Spennymoor).

Everton. — Southall (from): Stevens, van den Hauwe, Ratcliffe, Mountfield, Reid, Steven, Sharp, Gray, Bracewell, Sheedy, Harper, Richardson.

Luton. — Sealey (from): Breacker, Foster, Donaghy, Thomas, Hill, Turner, Stein, Nwajiobi, Hartford, Moss, Daniel, Parker.

Referee. — J. Martin (Alton).

THE FORM BOOK, a notoriously unreliable guide on such occasions, firmly suggests that the Scottish Cup Final on May 18 at Hampden Park will again involve Celtic and Aberdeen, with Alex Ferguson's men going for their fourth success in a row, writes Brian Wilson.

But today's semi-finals should provide two worthy contests. Aberdeen must overcome Dundee United at Tynecastle and the good news from them yesterday was that Eric Black, a fast and dangerous attacker, is fit after suffering concussion at Ibrox last week. Ferguson will also bring back Neil Simpson which should further strengthen Aberdeen's formidable midfield.

Celtic face promotion-seeking Motherwell at Hampden in what could prove to be a trickier tie than the relative status of the two teams suggests. Celtic's form has been erratic and much will depend on whether they can score an early goal before Motherwell's young, but promising side settles into the big match atmosphere.

Spurs into the gap

Since Everton have a four-point lead, today's first Division programme is more a matter of narrowing gaps rather than catching up. Three weeks ago, Tottenham were level on points with the leaders but they go into this afternoon's match at Leicester eight behind having already played a game more.

Spurs have a good record at Filbert Street and Leicester *have lost their last four* matches (although they did have slightly the better of a 2-2 draw at White Hart Lane in the first week of the season). If Roberts and Galvin come through fitness tests, Tottenham *will be unchanged* but Leicester recall Peake to their midfield after a month's absence.

Arsenal face Nottingham Forest at Highbury and urgently need a win to preserve their *shrinking chances of a* EUFA Cup place. But they are without Mariner (suffering from damaged ankle ligaments) and Woodcock (still recovering from a strained hamstring). Allinson forms a *new attacking partnership with* Nicholas.

The most crucial relegation fixture sees Coventry, emerging from their 'flu epidemic, facing Sunderland, who have taken only one point from four matches since losing the Milk Cup Final. Sunderland are without Daniel and Gayle and have to decide whether or not *Hodgson and Agboola* are match fit. If Coventry, still missing Kilcline at centre-back, win they will climb out of the bottom three above both Sunderland and Luton.

West Ham, poised perilously above the strugglers, will surely join them if they fail to beat Chelsea at Upton Park *this morning. With McAlister* out following his rib injury at QPR on Monday, Parkes makes his first appearance of the season in goal. But Martin is suspended and if Gale fails a late fitness test, an already suspect West Ham defence *will be in* poor shape to deal with the threat of Dixon and Speedie.

The biggest crowd in the Second Division (something around 25,000 is expected) should be at Fratton Park *again, where Portsmouth, now* second, take on fourth-placed Birmingham City. Portsmouth will be without their captain, Kennedy, who begins his third suspension of the season and they will be looking to Webb *for further inspiration.*

David Lacey

● **FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY.**—Area semi-finals: Bolton or Darlington v. Mansfield; York or Lincoln v. Wigan; Orient or Millwall v. Newport or Bristol City; Bournemouth or Walsall v. Brentford. No dates have been fixed.



HAIL HALLBERG . . . the first-round leader doffs his fedora after his 68 at Augusta

Clive Everton at the World Championship

Davis cues off back on the bridge

SNOOKER

Steve Davis made a solid, if cagey start to the defence of his Embassy World Championship title at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre yesterday by taking a 5-3 interval lead over his fellow-Londoner Neal Foulds *in their best-of-19-frames*, first-round match.

At the Benson & Hedges Irish Masters a fortnight ago, Davis struggled throughout before losing tamely to Alex Higgins *in the semi-finals* 6-2. His cueing was awry, possibly through placing his bridge a *fraction nearer the cue ball.* A leading professional suggested: "His cue's coming back so far it's almost falling off his bridge, and the pause at the end of his backswing isn't a pause, it's a halt."

In the intervening two weeks, Davis has done little but practice and yesterday morning there was nothing obviously amiss with his technique. At the same time, he *rarely flowed and his confidence*, fed as it has been on an almost unvaried diet of suc*cess for the last four years,* did not, in his choice of shots, appear at its strongest.

But, even in *second gear,* Davis remains extremely formidable. He dropped the opening frame to Foulds's break of 52 but took the second by himself, making a 52 break, and added the third on the pink.

Foulds's break of 101 with which he levelled at 2-2 was a reminder of his quality and he again equalised at 3-3 before Davis won the seventh with a 67 break and also took the eighth to go two clear for the first time.

Tony Jones arrived for his Crucible debut only a couple *of minutes before the* advertised starting time and was bustled to a 4-0 deficit by Tony Knowles, the No.2 seed compiling breaks of 76, 85 and 47 in this period.

The punter who invested £1,000 at 450-1 on Jones to win the title then began to have a run for his money as the 1983 English amateur champion reeled off the next four frames with similar dispatch.

The last frame of the morning settled into a tactical affair and this proved to be in the interest *of Knowles,* who thereby secured a 5-4 lead to carry into the final session.

Doug Mountjoy, the Welsh champion, resumes this morning against his Scottish counterpart Murdo McLeod commandingly placed at 7-2. McLeod's four-year professional career has been marked with wins over Thorne, Eddie Charlton and David Taylor, but he has never won a match on television. Yesterday *he* looked like continuing the sequence and black-ball wins in the *third and fifth frames were all* McLeod had to show for his efforts.

Dean O'Kane, the *first* New Zealander to appear at the Crucible, won two of the first three frames against David Taylor, the No.16 seed, but Taylor took the next five

Dilip Rao

Ford loses his way

BADMINTON

Joe Ford, England's No. 8 and the only other seed left in Steve Baddeley's half of the draw after the spate of withdrawals, was beaten in the second round of the English national championships at Coventry yesterday.

Having survived a three games opening match against *Mike Brown,* Ford, who was picked to play for England against Scotland in February was beaten by Andrew Salvidge from St Albans, and under-23 international.

Salvidge now meets Garry Asquith, a quarter-finalist last year. Asquith, ranked No. 10, faced gallant opposition in the first round from a junior, Anders Nielsen, son of the former all-England women's *champion Heather Nielsen.*

There was considerable threat to Asquith in the opening game, which went to setting. But young Nielsen had little strength left to keep up the struggle and was easily subdued in the second.

Martin Smith, the European and England junior champion, was unlucky to run straight into a seed, Garry Scott, and was beaten in straight games, *although he* engaged his more experienced opponent, an international, in several tough rallies.

The women's singles has also been hit badly by seeds pulling out. The favourite Karen Beckman had to withdraw because of an attack of 'flu and Allison Fisher because of an *Achilles* tendon injury.

Bob Fisher

Ideal test of skills

SAILING

Graham Bailey today defends the *Crebbin Cup* for the Junior Match Racing Championship. This year the competition is stronger than ever and it is hoped that each of the four quarter-finalists will meet twice in a round robin series to settle the outcome.

The racing is in new Westerly Fulmar 32s, all equally *matched to provide a perfect* test of the skippers' skills. Bailey, who was in last year's Olympic squad faces his greatest challenge from Marcus Hutchinson, who has greater big boat experience than any *of his rivals. This year* Hutchinson is No. 2 to Phil Crebbin on the Admiral's Cup trialist Pocket Battleship and may have to take over the master's role as Crebbin has been injured in a motor accident and advised to take six weeks *off* sailing.

Stuart Childerly is one of the youth squad awarded the Yachtsman of the Year trophy and whilst his record in Laser dinghies is impeccable, he may find, like Jon Ellis, the captain of London University and Combined Universities, that there are bigger problems when sailing larger boats. The *ambitious programme of six* pairs of matches in one day is organised by the Royal Lymington YC and the winners gains a place in the Royal Lymington Cup, the national championship, in May, when *seven overseas skippers will be* competing.

● Robin Knox-Johnston seems *likely to establish a new British* record for the Transatlantic crossing under sail. At noon yesterday, nine days out from the Ambrose Light Tower, New York, his 60ft catamaran British Airways I was *approximately 650 miles from* the Lizard.

If British Airways I maintains her progress she should reach the southernmost tip of Britain shortly after midday on Sunday, cutting six hours off the record of 11 days 5½ hours which Knox-Johnston established in 1981. This is, however, well outside the world record set last year by Patrick Morvan of France of eight days 16 hours 36 minutes.

David Davies reports from Augusta

Lyle storms up the board

GOLF

Sandy Lyle, in one incredible round, yesterday went from the likelihood of an early *exit from the US Masters to* being in contention for the title. A second-round 65, one off the Augusta National Club course record, took him from six over for the tournament to one under and right up among *the leaders.*

His two-round total of 143 was two better than that of *Curtis Strange, who also had a* 65 yesterday, and after his round Lyle admitted that it was probably his best effort yet in a championship.

"After my opening 78," he said, "I did not think I would be playing the last two rounds. So I just had to go out and let it rip."

He did so to such effect that he put pressure on the overnight leader, Gary Hallberg, and the men one behind, Tom Watson and Payne Stewart, all of whom were due to go out later in the day.

Lyle compared the round to the one at Wentworth that took him from six down *against Nick Faldo after* the first round to a two-and-one victory. On that occasion, in the Suntory World Match Play Championship, he needed a four at the 18th for a 63.

Yesterday the quality of his striking was such that he could certainly have scored another 63, or perhaps even lower. He missed four putts of 12 feet or less and holed nothing over 15 feet — except at *the 11th* where he chipped in from 25 yards.

Lyle's first birdie came at *the long second where* he chipped to a foot; then at the short fourth he hit a four iron to five feet. "Holing that putt was the best thing that could have happened to me," he said. It gave him the impetus he required and at the fifth he hit a seven-iron second to within a yard.

On the next three greens he missed putts of around 10 feet but then at the ninth got the *kind of break necessary* for such a round.

His drive, always flirting with *the trees on the left,* hit a branch and fell on to the fairway rather than in the *woods. He took advantage* by hitting a seven iron to 10 feet to birdie the hole and be out in 32.

He failed to birdie the long 13th and the 14th. But a drive and six iron at the 500-yard 15th set up a birdie and the same iron, to five feet, at the short 16th repeated the trick.

He made a good recovery at *the 18th when, after driving* into a bunker, he hit a seven iron 145 yards on to the green and his putt to equal the course record — held, by among others, Maurice Bembridge — hit the hole but stayed out.

Hallberg, fedora and all, led the US Masters after the first round with a four-under-par 68. He attributes his recent *good form—he finished fourth* in the Tournament Players' Championship—to a visit he made to a professor of physics in Florida, Dr Ralph Mann.

Hallberg had his swing analysed by computer and then matched against a mechanical model golfer which purports to show the ideal position in the golf swing for persons of differing heights and weights and using differing club lengths.

The "idea," says Hallberg, "is to get maximum leverage" —and to that end he modified his pivot and the height of his hands at the top of the backswing. It helped that he holed a few putts as well, althoug the longest of them was only ten feet, on the 17th. It also helped that Hallberg believes Augusta is his kind of course. "It might have been designed for my game. I hit the ball right to left, and I like fast greens."

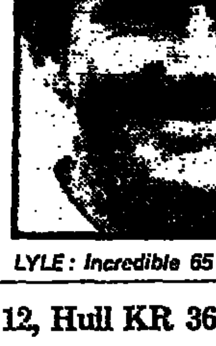
Hallberg has won only once on the American tour since he joined it in 1980, which is not a return commensurate with his talent. This may be the week he begins to justify some of the extravagant things that were claimed for him when he turned professional.

The first round leader board, though, had some formidable names on it. Immediately behind Hallberg was Watson and behind him Ray Floyd, Ben Crenshaw and Lee Trevino, all, with the exception of the last, Masters champions.

Sam Torrance began his first Masters with a seven at the second and did well to get back to a one-over-par 73. "I just had to forget the second," he said aftewards. "If you start wondering where you can pick up some birdies at Augusta, you'll go crazy."

Nick Faldo was heading for a 75 until he birdied the 15th and 16th holes and was, in the end, delighted with his opening 73.

EARLY SECOND ROUND LEADERS. — (US unless stated): 143—A. Lyle (Britain), 78, 65. 145—C. Strange, 80, 65. 149—W. Blackburn, 78, 71; H. Irwin, 78, 71; R. Eastwood, 77, 72. 152—S. Verplank (amateur), 78, 74. 153—W. Rogers, 78, 75. 154—P. Jacobsen, 78, 76. 155—A. Palmer, 83, 72. 157—J-M Olazabal (amateur Spain), 81, 76. 158—G. Brewer, 79, 79. 159—R. Gealy, 79, 80; T. Aaron, 79, 80.



LYLE: Incredible 65

Paul Fitzpatrick—Hull 12, Hull KR 36

Double for Rovers

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hull KR completed a league double over *their* neighbours Hull at the Boulevard last night and in doing so took an*other sizeable step towards* retaining the Slalom Lager Championship. With five games left they are three points ahead of St Helens who have played a game more.

Rovers had received cheering news *earlier in the day* when their hooker and captain, Watkinson, had his two-match suspension quashed on appeal. Gavin Miller also passed a fitness test to give Rovers a stronger pack than anticipated.

Hull fielded a heavily changed side from their cup semi-final re-play with *Castleford but they have so* much strength in depth that they could scarcely be discribed as weakened; and in a first half of attack and counter-attack they were Rovers' equals until a few min*utes before the interval.*

Prohm, after Fairbairn had made a surging run up the left wing, scored a fine try in the 15th minute, his 37th of the season. *As Leuluai moved into* tackle, Prohm kicked ahead and raced clear to touch down. Fairbairn added a good goal.

Rovers looked the more dangerous side at this stage but *Edmonds, a powerful open-side* prop, brought Hull back into the contest when he forced his way over the line from close range. Crooks missed the goal but brought the scores level on the half-hour with a penalty.

Hull were reduced to 12 men before half time and in the 36th minute they went 12-6 behind when Bruce Miller, who had replaced Robinson in the 23rd minute, made a splendid dash down the right. He fed Hall as Leuluai moved into tackle and the second-row forward raced clear. Fairbairn kicked his second goal.

Hull: Leuluai; Prendiville, Schofield, Evans, O'Hara; Topliss, Portz; Edmonds, Crooks, Rose, Dannatt, Proctor, Divorty.

Hull KR: Fairbairn; Lydiat, Robinson, Prohm, Laws; M. Smith, G. Smith; Holdstock, Watkinson, Ema, Broadhurst, Hall, G. Miller.

Referee: M. Whitfield (Widnes).

CYCLING

Graham Snowdon

Doyle to deliver

Tony Doyle, the former world professional pursuit champion who has shown im*pressive early season form has* an old score to settle when the Sealink International pro-am event gets under way in Rotherham on Monday.

Doyle looked a certain winner last year but was pipped *by a single second after more* than 500 miles of racing when Malcolm Elliott set a faster time and was also awarded a stage bonus in a final one-mile test against the clock.

Elliott, the reigning Commonwealth champion will again be one of Doyle's chief opponents but will have to earn every advantage; time bonuses have been excluded this year, not only from the "prologue" time-trial on Monday evening but also from all road stages during the five subsequent days' racing.

Elliott, who comes from Sheffield and will be assured of *plenty of local* support when he sets about his defence of the title, is in no doubt about the *threat posed* by Doyle.

"He is definitely the man to watch," says Elliott, who will be using a specially-built low-profile machine for Monday's time trial.

Whatever the outcome he believes the professionals, restricted last year to two composite teams, *will have the* upper hand this time. "Jeff Williams could be the strongest of the GB Amateurs, even though he has not shown so far this year. Much of the race is on his home ground, and he *knows all the hills."*

Tuesday's opening road stage will be from Rotherham to Rochdale before a town centre circuit race in St Helens. The next three days' racing will be in split stages with overnight halts at Stretford, Burton-on-Trent and Bromsgrove. The final day, next Saturday, will be a single 118-mile leg to Knowsley near *Liverpool.*

In its eight years, the Sealink has become the second most important race in this country, but next week's event is the last under the present sponsorship agreement.

RESULTS

Soccer

IRISH LEAGUE: [illegible] 1, Portadown 2.

WORLD CUP.—Asian qualifying matches: Group 1 —Sub-group B —Qatar 2, Jordan 0. Group 2—Sub-group A.—[illegible] 0. [illegible] Sub-group B.—Bahrain 3, S. Yemen 0. Group 3—Sub-group B —India 2, [illegible] 3 Bangladesh 1.

UNDER-14 FESTIVAL (Oldham).—[illegible] 1, Stoke 0. E. Herts 0, W. Cornwall 1, [illegible] 0. [illegible] 3, Liverpool 2. Middlesbrough 5. Lincoln 1. [illegible] 1. Wigan 5. [illegible] 1. [illegible] 0. Manchester 2.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS FESTIVAL (Skegness).—Morning Session: Gt Manchester 0, Northumberland 2. Durham 2, Surrey [illegible] A 0. [illegible] 2, Humberside 2, Essex A 0. [illegible] B 3, Hants B 2. Staffs 1. Suffolk 1. S Yorks 3, Avon A 3. Beds 1, [illegible]. W Yorks 2, Merseyside A 3. [illegible] B 1. Warwicks B 3. Kent B 5 [illegible] B 2. Afternoon Session: [illegible] B 2. Derby B 2. [illegible] 2. [illegible] 4. [illegible] 0. Cornwall 0. [illegible] 2. Berks A 2 [illegible] A 4. Devon 4. W [illegible] A 2. Dorset 1. Lincs 1. Kent A 1. [illegible] 2. [illegible] 2. Notts 3. Public Schools 0. Hereford and Worcs 1. Surrey A 0. Leics 0. [illegible] B 1. [illegible] B 1. [illegible] B 3. Leeds B 3. Hants B 2. Inner London A 4. N Yorks 2. Hants A 2. Gt Manchester A 0.

Golf

TAIWAN OPEN TOURNAMENT. — Leading scores (Taiwanese unless stated): 140.—R. Alarcon (Mex) 69, 71. 142.—L. Hsu-Hsueh [illegible] 75. [illegible] Ho Ming-Chung 68, 74. 144.—D. Hepler (US) 73, 71; L. Liang-Huan 73, 71; L. Chu 70, 74. 145.—L. Chih-Kuan 73, 72; S. Chung-Shyan 72, 73; [illegible] 73, 72. [illegible] 73, 72. L. [illegible] 77, 68. L. [illegible] 71, 74. 146.—F. Minoza (Phil) 72, 74; J. Lewis (US) 70, 76. 147.—Y. Siu Ming (Hong Kong) 73, 74. 148.—E. Romero (Arg) 72, 76; C. McCallum (US) 75, 73; D. Brick (US) 75, 73. 149.—C. Moe (US) 69, 80; W. Pierot (US) 73, 76; C. Byrum 76, 73. S. Onishi (Japan) 74, 75.

WOMEN'S OPEN TOURNAMENT (Fukuoka, Japan). — Leading scores (Japanese unless stated): 71.—[illegible] 72.—A. Alcott (US); C. [illegible] (US). 73.—K. [illegible] (S Korea); H. Yueh-Chyn. Other scores: 85.—N. Jeanson (Fr).

SAN DIEGO WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT. — Leading scores (US unless stated): 70.—B. Daniel; P. Bradley. 71.—A. Alcott; B. Barrow; P. Meyers; L. Stokey. 72.—B. [illegible]; C. Fox; C. Charbonnier (Swit). N. Crew. Other scores: 75.—P. Nilsson (Swe); C. Montgomery (Swe). 76.—[illegible] (Swe). 85.—C. Panton (GB).

Tennis

WCT FINALS (Dallas). — Quarter-finals: J. Nystrom (Swe) beat J. McEnroe (US) 6–4, 7–6, 6–3; T. Mayotte (US) beat W. Wilander (Swe) 6–3, [illegible].

PRUDENTIAL BRITISH JUNIOR HARD-COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS (Wimbledon) — Boy's Singles, Quarter-finals: N. Whichello (Kent) beat N. Paxley (Surrey) 6–4, 6–3; C. Peet (Lancs) beat K. Frame (Essex) 6–4, 6–2; A. Brice (Cheshire) beat D. Drake (Yorks) 6–3, 6–3; D. Sapsford (Herts) beat S. Heron (Yorks) 2–6, 6–4, 6–4. Semi-finals: Whichello beat Peet 4–6, 7–6, 7–5; Brice beat Sapsford 6–1, 6–3.

Girls Singles, Quarter-finals: L. Gould (Essex) beat A. [illegible] (Oxon) 7–5, 6–1; E. Wood (Surrey) beat S. Whiteman (Notts) 6–1, 6–1; J. Wood (Middx) beat A. Fleming (Lancs) 6–3, 6–1; J. Louis (Devon) beat J. Nelsen (Yorks) 6–4, 3–6, 6–4. Semi-finals: Gould beat E. Wood 1–6, 7–6, 6–2; J. Wood beat Louis 6–0, 6–3.

NICE G P. — Quarter-finals: H. Leconte (Fr) beat F. Luna (Sp) 2–6, 6–4 [illegible]; H. Schwaier (W Ger) beat S. Zivojinovic (Yugo) [illegible]; U. Pinner (Par) beat [illegible] (Fr) 6–2, 4–6, 6–1; D. Perez (Uru) beat R. Arguello (Arg) 6–3, 6–3.

Snooker

EMBASSY WORLD PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Sheffield). — First round: D. Mountjoy (Ewyas Harold) leads M. McLeod (Edinburgh) 7–2. First-session frames (Mountjoy first): 73–52, 64–30, [illegible], [illegible], 53–66, 59–51, 73–14, 73–15, 71–38.

David Taylor (Manchester) leads D. O'Kane (NZ) 6–2. First-session frames (Taylor first): 82–27, 29–67, 35–79, 60–43, 97–13, 70–41, 54–11, 90–46.

TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY. — First round (best of 19 frames): 10.30a.m.: A. Higgins (Manchester) v. D. Reynolds (Grimsby); D. Mountjoy (Ewyas Harold) v. M. McLeod (Edinburgh) to finish. 3.00p.m.: T. Griffiths (Llanelli) v. R. Williams (Stourbridge); T. Meo (Morden) v. J. Virgo (Guildford). 7.30p.m.: David Taylor (Manchester) v. D. O'Kane (NZ) to finish; J. White (Wimbledon) v. W. Jones (Abertysswg).

Badminton

ENGLISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Coventry) —Men's singles, first round: S. Baddeley (Sussex) beat M. Parker (Middx) 15-1, 15-6; J. Webb (Hants) beat T. Mousley (Derbys) 15–8, 15–9; S. Kellett (Lancs) beat S. Collier (Yorks) 15–13, 15–5; N. Lamb (Lancs) beat N. Penton (Glos) 15–10, 15–5; T. Flynn (Warwicks) beat R. Harding (Beds) 15–3, 18–13; G. Asquith (Essex) beat A. Nielsen (Surrey) 18–13, 15–3; A. Salvidge (Herts) beat A. Downes (Essex) 3–15, 15–13, 15–2; M. Johnson (Devon) beat A. Isles (Beds) 15–0, 15–1; A. Goode (Herts) beat T. Riley (Middx) 15–0, 15–1; G. Scott (Lancs) beat M. Smith (Hants) 15–9, 15–7.

J. Ford (Hants) beat M. Brown (Yorks) 15–6, 14–18, 15–7; *M. Elliott (Surrey)* beat P. Bush (Wilts) 5–15, 15–8, 15–3; K. Jolly (Essex) beat P. Price (Lancs) 15–0, 15–6; C. Dobson (Worcs) beat I. Wright (Derbyshire) 18–15, 15–2; M. Adams (Yorks) beat M. Lawrence (Essex) 6–15, 15–9, 15–5; P. Smith (Surrey) beat L. Hillman (Beds) 15–12, 12–15, 15–10.

Women's Singles, First Round: P. Kilvington (Yorks) W. O. K. Beckman (Surrey); T. Abergast (Essex) beat J. Muggeridge (Kent) 11–6, 11–8; S. Halsall (Lancs) beat K. Baltie (Sussex) 12–10, 11–7; C. Palmer (Hants) beat L. Kidgelow (Derbys) 11–8, 11–1; G. Clark (Surrey) beat S. Louis (Glos) 11–8, 12–10; S. Hore (Hants) beat L. Hillman (Beds) 11–2, 11–7; B. Blair (Devon) beat L. Coakley (Middx) 11–3, 11–3; C. Treko (Hants) W.O. A. Fisher (Essex).

G. Gowers (Sussex) beat T. Salmon (Essex) 11–2, 11–8; C. Lang (Surrey) beat G. Clarke (Lincs) 11–3, 11–9; F. Gallop (Sussex) beat K. Salt (Lancs) 12–4, 11–3; *F. Elliott (Surrey)* beat L. Campbell (Yorks) 11–1, 11–0; D. Beddie (Middx) beat S. Orwin (Chesh) 11–9, 11–6; W. Poulton (Surrey) beat C. Johnson (Essex) 11–0, 11–5; J. Shipman (Essex) beat C. Gay (Leics) 11–3, 11–8; D. Hore (Hants) beat J. Sutton (Suffolk) 12–11, 11–2.

Cycling

TOUR OF PUGLIA.—Final Stage (115 mls): 1, G. Mantovani (It) 4hr 33min 29sec; 2, U. Freuler (Switz) same time; 3, L. Rabottini (It) same time. Overall winner.—S. Contini (It).

Squash Rackets

ICI OPEN (Stockton). Quarter-finals. — Men: R. Thorne (Aus) beat C. Dittmar (Aus) 9–6, 10–9, 9–1.

Women: J. Miller (Aus) beat S. Cogswell (GB) 9–7, 9–2, 9–0; C. Kloeda (Aus) beat A. Smith (GB) 10–8, 8–10, 9–2, 7–9, 9–3.

Ice Hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE.—Play-offs: Stanley Cup Championship: Washington 2, *New York Islanders* 1; *Philadelphia* 3, *New York Rangers* 1; Montreal 5, Boston 3; Quebec 3, Buffalo 2; Chicago 6, Detroit 1, Minnesota 4, St Louis 3; Winnipeg 5 Calgary 2, Edmonton 4, Los Angeles 2

Basketball

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. — Boston 121, Cleveland 115; Houston 125, Kansas City 123; Utah 145, Portland 107; Dallas 124, Seattle 80; Los Angeles 137, Golden State 130.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE.—Detroit 11, Cleveland 10; Boston 6, NY Rangers 4; Milwaukee 8, Chicago White Sox 1, California 4, Minnesota 3; Seattle 14, Oakland 6.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.—NY Mets 2, St Louis 1; Chicago Cubs 4, Pittsburg 1; Los Angeles 4, Houston 3; Atlanta 6, Philadelphia 3

Cricket

WEST INDIES.—First innings 511 for 6 *(R. B. Richardson 185, D. L. Haynes 90,* P. J. Dujon 60 not out, H. A. Gomes 53, A. L. Logie 52). Second innings 268 for 6 (C. G. Greenidge 69, R. B. Richardson 60, A. L. Logie 61 not out).

NEW ZEALAND. — First innings 440 (M. D. Crowe 188, J. V. Coney 73, I. D. Smith 53; M. D. Marshall 4-110, M. A. Holding 3-89).

Rackets

CELESTION OPEN SINGLES (Queen's Club).—1st round: D. Ruck-Keene beat P. F. C. Begg 71-14, 12–15, 4–15, 15–10, 15–11. Second round: C. J. Hue Williams beat Ruck-Keene 15–2, 15–7, 17–18, 15–3.

BOXING: Frank Bruno will fight Sweden's Anders Ecklund for the European Heavyweight title at Wembley on May 14. Promoter Mike Barrett secured the fight with a successful purse offer to the European Boxing Union of £201,000.

Barrett said: "The purse is a record for any European Championship and the fight gives Bruno his first major title chance on the way towards the World Championship."

ROWING: Entries which arrived too late have deprived the Scullers' Head of River Race between Mortlake and Putney this morning of two Olympic gold medal winners—Steve Redgrave and Martin Cross, and the Olympic oarsman Alan Whitwell, *writes Christopher Dodd.*

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David Irvine in Dallas

Nystrom puts out McEnroe

TENNIS

Thursday, April 11, was no ordinary day in the life of Joakim Nystrom. He began it by shooting 29, the best score of a brief golfing career, at Las Colinas, one of those smart new courses that adorn the Texas landscape.

Then in the evening he walked from his hotel to the Reunion Arena in Dallas and beat John McEnroe, the world's best player in straight sets.

Nystrom's 6-4, 7-6, 6-3 victory over an opponent most people considered unbeatable in the WCT finals may not have suited tournament officials, already worried at the box office response, or CBS, who had planned a spectacular weekend double-header linking the event with the Masters golf from Augusta, but with tennis in danger of becoming a one-man show, it was the best possible result for the game.

Apart from his defeat by another of the Swedes, Henrik Sundstrom, in the Davis Cup final at Gothenburg in December, McEnroe had not lost since August—more remarkable since it was his first defeat in 68 indoor carpet matches stretching back to September, 1983.

So does this mean that the Swedes, five of whom made the 12-man draw here, have got McEnroe's number? After all it was Mats Wilander who stopped him in the 1983 Australian Open. "Maybe it's because we all have good passing shots," suggested Nystrom. "He is coming to the net a lot and that gives us a chance."

Even allowing for McEnroe's uncharacteristic sluggishness — "I felt there was glue on my sneakers"—and lack of decision on his first volley, Nystrom's ground strokes were remarkable for their accuracy and consistency. Time after time he rifled the ball past the advancing American, never allowing himself to be intimidated or overawed.

He began, he said, hoping to give the crowd a worthwhile match. Only at the end of the first set, decided on a love-break in the third game, did he start to think in terms of winning. At the same time he agreed with McEnroe that the champion, who had hoped to become the first to win the title three years in a row, had played poorly.

And in truth, judged on his own standards, McEnroe was awful. "I just couldn't get going. He was returning my serve well from the start and it seemed I was doing the wrong thing every time. Even when I had chances I couldn't take them. It was a very very bad effort."

McEnroe certainly should have won the second set. He had three chances at 5-4 and two more at 6-5. To make matters worse he foot-faulted on what would have been an ace when Nystrom had set point in the tie break and then floated a backhand over the baseline.

It was the sort of thing designed to produce one of those McEnroe explosions, but he controlled himself well and was generous in defeat. "He's a good player. He makes you work for the point and I couldn't get on top of him." Yet Nystrom conceded that, had the second set gone, he would probably have lost.

Everything had seemed in McEnroe's favour. While Nystrom had to readjust to a fast court, after playing Monte Carlo last week, all the American's tennis since the US Open had been indoors. Moreover Nystrom was a rank outsider with only one career win against the other 11 players in the field.

"That's some cool guy," remarked one observer. And so he should be, having been born and raised close to the Arctic Circle. All the other Swedes come from the southern half of their country; Nystrom lives in Skelleftea, a northern town whose sporting claim to fame — until yesterday anyway — lay in the success of their ice hockey team.

"At home we have only one indoor court," he said. "No one is very much interested in tennis." Maybe they will be now — particularly if he can show similar form in today's semi-final against another American, Tim Mayotte, who had little difficulty disposing of Nystrom's golfing partner, Wilander, 6-3, 6-1, 7-6.



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FLYING HIGH: Britain's Sally Larner, Coca-Cola winner last December

Benjamin Raphael on today's Champions All at Wembley

Mavity follows Retton trail

GYMNASTICS

Ten years ago an unknown 13-year-old Romanian gymnast, Nadia Comaneci, competed in Champions All. It was her international debut but her performance at Wembley, unforgettably confirmed at the 1976 Olympics, became a new measure of technical proficiency in the sport.

In this afternoon's competition her former coach Martha Karolyi brings over her latest prodigy — only this time she's American, Yolande Mavity. Ever since Mrs Karolyi and her husband Bela defected to the US in 1981, the Americans have been prominently successful in international events.

This climaxed, amid cloying euphoria at the Los Angeles Olympics, when Mary Lou Retton, meticulously prepared by the Karolyis, took the gold medal ahead of Romania's Ecaterina Szabo. Miss Comaneci watched that day with a mixture of appreciation and patriotic disappointment.

Just as in 1975 so today a new generation takes the stage at Champions All. Mrs Karolyi hopes that Miss Mavity will eventually prove an adequate successor to Miss Retton and perhaps convey some of the grace which was invariably absent from the bouncing athletic routines of the Olympic champion. Miss Retton, a girl with a smile of a toothpaste advertisement contrasted with a pair of thighs of a Millwall fullback, was seldom aesthetically pleasing.

Against Miss Mavity are ranged Romania's Daniela Silivias, who were second in the American Cup, and the Soviet Union's Elena Gurova. Miss Gurova, 15, is one of the competitors the Russians are considering for next month's European championships and November's World Championships. In training yesterday she excited observers with her adept double-twisting somersaults.

Britain's Sally Larner, whose victory in last December's Coca-Cola International was a revelation, will do well to place in the top three. The event is sponsored by the Daily Mirror.

RUGBY UNION

Davies drops Wales

GARETH DAVIES, the Cardiff, Wales, and Lions stand-off half, yesterday announced his retirement from international rugby just a week before Wales are due to meet England at Cardiff Arms Park.

There must be something rotten at the top of Welsh rugby if Davies, Mike Watkins, Graham Price, Jeff Squire, and Eddie Butler all decide to retire in their prime. None of these players intends to give up club rugby, yet they are not prepared to play for their country.

Davies, who has won 21 caps, was recalled this season when Malcolm Dacey of Swansea had a knee injury. Previously Davies had lost his place to Dacey following the heavy defeat of Wales by Scotland in 1982. He is a former captain of Wales and a 1980 Lion.

When the Welsh team to meet England was announced on Thursday, a vacancy was left at stand-off with the assumption that it would be filled by either Davies or Dacey, who are due to face each other in the match between Cardiff and Swansea today.

Davies explained yesterday that he did not like the idea of a vacancy being left. "This was the last straw," he said. "I was not told of the selectors' decision before the team was released. It would have taken very little for an official to make a courtesy call to tell me.

"I know the argument that no one has a divine right to play, but a phone call would have helped. After all that has happened to me over the years I've become hardened to things, but it was having an effect on my family which meant it simply wasn't worth carrying on."

He did not have one of his best games for Wales recently against France in Paris. But, like his predecessors, Barry John and Phil Bennett, he needed centres capable of straightening the line.

Davies has always tended to run across the field, as did John and Bennett. The 1971 Lions in New Zealand would not have been able to produce their marvellous running rugby had they not possessed centres like Mike Gibson and John Dawes to straighten things up after John's initial cross-field run. It is the current misfortune of Welsh national rugby that no-one has seemed capable of giving a sense of direction to the genius of Gareth Davies.

David Frost



GARETH DAVIES: last straw

David Frost

Tour incentive for finalists

Today's final of the Thorn EMI County Championship between Middlesex and Notts, Lincs, and Derby is not just another final. The players have the added incentive of knowing that the England selectors have left three places open in their party for the forthcoming tour of New Zealand.

It is also unusual in that, while Middlesex have won on seven occasions, the Three Counties have never previously reached this stage of the competition. Middlesex have already celebrated their centenary, but the Three Counties were formed only in 1925.

The rise of the Three Counties has taken place simultaneously with the rise of the Nottingham club who today provide the entire team. In the matter of teamwork therefore the Three Counties should hold a crucial advantage over Middlesex, who are drawn from four clubs.

Such an advantage is particularly important this season because there has been a gap of 20 weeks between the semi-finals and the final. While the Three Counties have been playing as a club side week after week, Middlesex have been confined to the occasional squad session.

The Middlesex captain, David Cooke, is sanguine about this: "We have had only one good session and another threadbare get-together since the semi-final. We will be pushed to get our unit skills working in the early stages, so we are in the vulnerable position of relying on the individual talents of the side."

This really is the essence of the contest. When the two sides met in a preliminary round earlier this season, Middlesex won 10-6. But the Three Counties went on to beat Surrey 24-9 and Northumberland 18-12 before coming from behind to defeat Gloucestershire 14-9 at Bristol in their semi-final. Their many opportunities to rehearse their teamwork since then ought to mean that they will retain much of their earlier momentum this afternoon.

For the Three Counties' captain, Neil Mantell, today's occasion will be something of a home-coming. Mantell not only played for many years for Rosslyn Park but he will also be up against one of his old Park colleagues, Andy Ripley who now plays at lock for Middlesex.

Of those with hopes of touring New Zealand with England, Nick Stringer, the Middlesex and former England full-back, faces an important test today. He has just recovered from his ankle injury and must be keen to recapture his England place from Chris Martin.

The odds would appear to favour the Three Counties. If they do win the Championship on their first appearance in the final, it will be some consolation for the defeat suffered by Nottingham from London Welsh in the John Player Cup.

Middlesex were forced to make a change last night because Chris Butcher had not recovered from tonsillitis. His place at No. 8 will be taken by his Harlequin colleague, Everton Weekes.

MIDDLESEX. — N. C. Stringer; S. T. Smith, R. M. Cowles (all Wasps), A. L. Thompson (Harlequins), M. Williams (Wasps); G. H. Davies (Wasps), I. M. Cooper (London Welsh); P. S. Curtis (Harlequins), C. J. Oliver (Harlequins), M. Nebley (Wasps), A. E. Ripley (Rosslyn Park), C. Plummer (Wasps), N. R. Mayl (Wasps); C. E. Weekes (Harlequins), D. H. Cooke (Harlequins, capt).

NOTTS, LINCS AND DERBY.—M. Drane; S. Hashtack, P. Hartley, C. Jones, D. Robinson; S. Hodgkinson, M. Moverley, J. Ward, R. Sheers, M. Grindle, N. D. Mantell (capt), C. Gray, P. Cook, S. Hughes, G. W. Rees (all Nottingham).

Referee: L. W. Prideaux (North Midlands).

● Simon Holmes of Cockermouth replaces Surrey's James Turley as captain of England against Scotland in the Under-18 Schools' international at Fylde today.

ENGLAND SCHOOLS. — C. J. Parker (Colchester and Sidcup GS); D. M. Preston (Kirkham GS), S. R. Hodson (St Brendan's VI Form Coll, Bristol), D. S. Elliott (Birkenhead), P. Shearman (John Smeaton Community HS, York); P. J. Rainer (Lancaster RGS), M. T. Callaghan (Warwick), J. W. Wells (Pocklington), G. M. Cullen (Nottingham HS), P. Thornton (Ampleforth Coll), M. C. Bayfield (Radford), J. P. Green (Campion), T. A. Witherman (Spalding GS), C. R. Palmer (Dulwich Coll), S. D. Holmes (Cockermouth, capt)

Pat Rowley

Talent-spotters wanted

HOCKEY

It's been a week that that has justified one's faith in British hockey talent. If only our selectors would get around and look at it.

Bernard Cotton, the acting GB manager, put in an appearance at the international universities tournament at Loughborough, and was rewarded by seeing a British team beat Germany and win the title. Unfortunately, no one resembling an under-21 selector was present nor did one travel to Belgium last weekend to see a very good England schoolboys' team finish runners-up in the international under-18 event.

It is this failure of selectors to get around that makes this weekend's junior divisional tournament at Loughborough extremely important.

For a number of years, many players (particularly coloured ones) have been missed at under-21 level. None of the BHO Bhaura's and Flora's played for the juniors. More recently, Halliday and Guy Swaine were chosen belatedly. Let us hope the divisional selectors have done their homework this year. A player distinguishing himself this weekend could find himself playing at Vancouver in the Junior World Cup finals in August.

Midlands will be attempting to win the junior title for the fourth successive year. East, bidding for a senior/junior double, look to be the chief challengers.

Elsewhere, Slough will be attempting to clinch the Atari London League title by beating Tulse Hill and Kennington Rec today, while lowly Sevenoaks will be attempting to win the Courage Kent final for the first time at the expense of Beckenham.

IRELAND and England set up an exciting finale to the Home Countries Schoolgirls tournament in Dublin with a deluge of goals, writes Janet Ruff.

Alma McCormick scored a hat-trick in Ireland's defeat of Scotland and England's 2-0 victory over Wales was followed by a 6-0 win over Scotland.

Paul Fitzpatrick

Critical for Saints

RUGBY LEAGUE

At times this season St Helens have looked the most exciting side in the League, but they have been too erratic and showed too much fallibility in defence to be considered serious challengers for the Slalom Lager Championship.

Their points for and against accurately reflect their character. They are the division's leading scorers but have a defensive record inferior to the other five leading clubs. Yet, with only four games left, they can still deprive Hull Kingston Rovers of their second successive title.

If they can beat Rovers at Knowsley Road tomorrow they are left with three games that they should win with ease — against Hunslet at home, and Workington Town and Leigh away, three sides already condemned to relegation. After Sunday's match, Rovers, with their playing resources dangerously stretched, are left with home games against Bradford and Widnes, and away matches at Halifax and Barrow. None of those contests give a guarantee of two points.

Billy Benyon, the St Helens coach, yesterday put tomorrow's match into accurate perspective: "It is a game we must win to have any chance of the title," he said. "If we do win, then the pressure will be on Rovers."

Hull KR, of course, hoped to emerge from last night's derby match with two points and no further injuries. Hogan and Watkinson are not available tomorrow because of suspension — Rovers are struggling at present to find cover for certain departments.

St Helens will also be without a suspended player, Steve Peters, who won a place in the Great Britain squad recently. There is also some concern about the fitness of Pinner, Holding and Ledger, and also Day, the game's leading point scorer with 298. All are suffering from virus infections, but Benyon said he was hopeful that his side would be at full strength.

Wigan, after losing four matches in succession, have steadied themselves with good away victories over Oldham and Widnes and they should collect two more points at home tomorrow against Hunslet. They still have an outside possibility of taking the title for they can earn a maximum of 45 points. More realistically, though, they will be looking to secure a place in the top four which would earn them a home game in the first round of the Premiership Trophy.

Two seeds fall to Gould

Two matches in one day proved too much for Jo Louis (Devon) and Clare Wood (Sussex), who were knocked out in the semi-finals of the Prudential British Junior hardcourt championships at Wimbledon yesterday.

Miss Wood became the second seeded victim of Lisa Gould (Essex), going down 1-6, 7-6, 6-4, after having led 3-1 in the second set and 4-2 in the third.

Miss Louis, after a 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 win over Jackie Holden (Yorkshire), had little left and was beaten 6-0, 6-3, by Jane Wood (Middlesex).

Another shock was narrowly avoided when Richard Whichello (Kent) fought off six match points and beat Chris Peet (Lancashire) 4-6, 7-6, 7-5, to reach the Boys final, in which he faces Austen Price (Cheshire), a 6-1, 6-3 winner over Danny Sapsford (Surrey).



BRIDGE

Rixi Markus

IT WAS eleven years ago that Sally Oppenheim and I formulated the idea of holding a challenge match between our two Houses of Parliament. We never dreamed that it would be such a success and lead to so many other events. The next meeting between the Commons and Lords will be held on Tuesday at the Inn on the Park.

A combined Parliamentary team has frequently travelled to meet bridge-playing politicians from other countries. Unfortunately, it has recently lost three of its players — Lord Glenkinglas, the Earl of Birkenhead, and Sir Anthony Berry, the captain of the victorious Commons team of 1984 and a victim of the terrorists' bomb in Brighton. It will take some time to rebuild the team so that we are once again a force to be reckoned with in matches overseas.

I took the combined Parliamentary team to Morocco in February. We had an exciting week, being lavishly wined and dined, and I felt a little sorry for our team who could hardly be expected to display their best bridge-playing form after such preparation for the match. To be honest, though, our depleted team proved no match for the Moroccans.

The President of the Moroccan Parliament is Mr Ahmed Osman, their former ambassador to Washington, and Prime Minister for several years. He played bridge like a champion. Here is an example of his prowess on a crucial deal from the match.

Dealer South; love all.

North
♠ AQJ93
♥ Q872
♦ A4
♣ KJ

West
♠ 72
♥ AJ4
♦ Q10863
♣ 832

East
♠ K1085
♥ 109
♦ 75
♣ 109754

South
♠ 64
♥ K653
♦ KJ92
♣ AQ6

The Moroccan auction was as follows:

South (Osman)	West	North (Omar)	East
1D	NB	1S	NB
1NT	NB	4NT	NB
NB	NB		

West led a low diamond against 4NT, and declarer won with the nine and immediately finessed the queen of spades. East played well by ducking the queen, and this persuaded Mr Osman to return to his hand by overtaking the jack of clubs with the queen in order to repeat the spade finesse. The time East won with the king and returned a diamond to dummy's ace.

South continued by playing the ace and another spade, and everything depended on East's next return. He decided to switch to the ten of hearts, which would have been the right play if West had held both the red kings. As it was, Mr Osman ducked in hand, won with dummy's queen and cashed dummy's fifth spade, leaving the following position:

North
♠ —
♥ 872
♦ —
♣ K

West
♠ —
♥ AJ
♦ Q10
♣ —

East
♠ —
♥ 9
♦ —
♣ 1097

South
♠ —
♥ K
♦ KJ
♣ A

The king of clubs to declarer's ace now squeezed West in the red suits: if he threw a diamond, South would have two more diamond tricks; and if West threw a heart on the ace of clubs, the king of hearts from South would endplay him and compel him to return a diamond into declarer's tenace.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

CRICKET: The Australian Board admitted yesterday that there could be some truth in rumours that a number of its players have been approached for a tour of South Africa.

According to the rumours, about 15 senior players have been offered A$200,000 with A$25,000 advance to play in South Africa for 11 weeks this year and again next year.

MARATHON: High-class competition coupled with ideal course conditions could produce fast times in the first World Cup Marathons this weekend. New Zealand's Lorraine Moller, fifth in the Olympic Marathon and Raisa Smekhnova of the Soviet Union, third at the Helsinki World Championships in 1983, head the field for the women's race today along with East Germany's Katrin Dorre.

WEEKEND FIXTURES IN DETAIL

(Kick-off 3.0 unless stated)

FA CUP

SEMI-FINALS

Luton v. Everton (Aston Villa)
Manchester Utd v. Liverpool (Everton)

CANON LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal v. Nottingham Forest
Coventry v. Sunderland
Ipswich v. Sheffield Wednesday
Leicester v. Tottenham
Newcastle v. QPR
Watford v. Norwich
West Ham v. Chelsea (11.30)

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley v. Huddersfield
Cardiff v. Blackburn
Charlton v. Wimbledon
Grimsby v. Manchester City
Leeds v. Crystal Palace
Middlesbrough v. Fulham
Oldham v. Shrewsbury
Portsmouth v. Birmingham
Sheffield Utd v. Carlisle
Wolverhampton v. Oxford Utd.

TOMORROW

Notts County v. Brighton

FA TROPHY. — Semi-final, Second Leg: Boston Utd v. Altrincham; Wealdstone v. Enfield.

GOLA LEAGUE. — Barrow v. Worcester; Dagenham v. Scarborough; Frickley v. Bath; Gateshead v. Kidderminster; Nuneaton v. Barnet; Runcorn v. Maidstone; Telford v. Kettering; Weymouth v. Merthyr Tyd.

SERVOWARE ISTHMIAN LEAGUE. — Premier Division: Barking v. Wycombe Wdrs; Boston Regis v. Leytonstone/Ilford; Carshalton v. Hayes; Croydon v. Billericay; Harrow v. Epsom & Ewell; Hendon v. Walthamstow Ave; Hitchin v. Dulwich Hamlet; Slough v. Worthing; Sutton Utd v. Bishop's Stortford; Tonbridge & Mitcham v. Windsor & Eton.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE. — Gainsborough v. Bangor C; Grantham v. Chorley; Matlock v. Scarborough; Mossley v. S Liverpool; Stafford Rangers v. Norwich.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE. — Premier Division: Bedworth v. Folkestone; Chelmsford v. Gravesend; Cheltenham v. Willenhall; Gloucester v. Witney T; Hastings v. Crawley; King's Lynn v. Shepshed; RS Southampton v. AP Leamington; Tamerbridge v. Alvechurch; Welton Utd v. Corby; Wisbech v. Dartford; Worcester v. Stourbridge; Bromsgrove Rovers v. VS Rugby; Coventry S v. Rushden; Forest Green v. Wellingboro; Merthyr T v. Stourbridge; Moor Green v. Dudley; Redditch v. Oldbury; Southam Division: Ashford v. Sheppey; Canterbury v. Andover (at Andover); Canterbury v. Woodford; Chatham v. Tonbridge; Dover v. Walton; Deal v. Dunstable v. Addlestone; Erith and B v. Basingstoke; Hillingdon v. Gosport Boro; Salisbury v. Thanet.

THIRD DIVISION

Bolton v. Newport
Bournemouth v. Walsall
Bristol Rovers v. Bristol City
Burnley v. Cambridge Utd
Derby v. Bradford
Hull v. Orient
Lincoln v. Brentford
Plymouth v. Wigan
Preston NE v. Millwall
Reading v. Swansea
Rotherham v. Gillingham

TOMORROW

Doncaster v. York

FOURTH DIVISION

Crewe v. Bury
Hartlepool v. Colchester
Hereford v. Scunthorpe
Mansfield v. Halifax
Peterborough v. Southend
Port Vale v. Aldershot
Rochdale v. Exeter
Swindon v. Northampton
Torquay v. Chester
Tranmere v. Chesterfield
Wrexham v. Darlington

CENTRAL LEAGUE.—First Division: WBA v. Aston Villa (2.0).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION.—Southampton v. Portsmouth; Swansea v. Reading; Tottenham v. Arsenal (2.0).

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE.—Bangor v. Carrick Rangers; Coleraine v. Ballymena; Crusaders v. Linfield; Glenavon v. Cliftonville; Glentoran v. Distillery; Larne v. Ards. Newry T v. Portadown.

SE COUNTIES LEAGUE (all 11.0).—First Division: Arsenal v. Gillingham (London Colney); Cambridge C v. Chelsea (Portson Rd); Orient v. Watford (Ive Farm); Tollesbury v. Fulham (Cheshire); West Ham v. Ipswich (Chadwell Heath), Portsmouth v. Charlton (Eastney); Norwich v. Southend (Trowse); Watford v. Orient (Woodside); C Palace v. Luton (Millwall, 11.0).

BRYDBOUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE. — Billingham v. Peterlee; Tow Law v. Chester Le Street; Shildon v. Ferryhill; Consett v. North Shields; Rydope v. Gretna; Seaconmoor v. Crook; Bishop Auckland v. Blyth.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE. — Premier Division: Bideford v. Devizes; Bristol C v. Barnstaple; Clevedon v. Chesham; Exmouth v. Salisbury; Melksham v. Taunton; Minehead v. Chippenham; Shepton Mallet v. Liskeard; Weston-S-Mare v. Frome.

NW COUNTIES CUP.—Semi-finals: Leek T v. Congleton T; Radcliffe Boro v. Clitheroe.

NW COUNTIES LEAGUE.—Barrow v. Glossop; Formby v. Penrith; Netherfield v. Curzon Ashton; Prescot Cables v. Bootle; St Helens T v. Lancaster C.

SCOTTISH FA CUP

SEMI-FINALS

Dundee Utd v. Aberdeen (Hearts)
Motherwell v. Celtic (Hampden Park)

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Dundee v. Dunfermline

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION

Ayr v. Airdrieonians
Clyde v. Forfar
Clydebank v. Brechin
Hamilton v. East Fife
Kilmarnock v. Partick Thistle
Meadowbank v. Falkirk

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION

Albion Rovers v. Alloa
Cowdenbeath v. Queen of the South
E Stirlingshire v. Dunfermline
Montrose v. Stranraer
Raith v. Arbroath
Stenhousemuir v. Berwick
Stirling Albion v. Queen's Park

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE

Barton v. Marine
Causeway v. Workson
Rhyl v. Morecambe
Witton v. Macclesfield
Workington v. Gosic

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP.—Newmarket v. March; Wisbech v. Braintree.

BERKS & BUCKS SENIOR CUP. — Final: Chesham Utd v. Woldingham T (Maidenhead Utd).

KENTS SENIOR CENTENARY TROPHY. — Final: Pirton v. Welwyn Garden C (Boreham Wood).

FESTIVAL. — English Schools (Skegness, today 10.0, tomorrow 9.30).

TOMORROW

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S CUP.—Semi-final, Second Leg: Rhyl v. Matlock.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.—Premier Division: Gloucester v. Welling Utd.

American Football

TOMORROW

BRITISH LEAGUE.— Birmingham v. Warwick; Colchester v. Southampton Wolverines; Crawley v. Stock Exchange; Dorset v. Thames Valley; Ealing v. Harlow; Glasgow Diamonds v. Glasgow Lions; Kings Lynn v. Milton Keynes; M/C Spartans v. Leeds; Newcastle v. Mansfield; Oxford v. Portsmouth; Southampton Seahawks v. Taunton; Stafford v. Streatham; Tyneside v. Fylde.

Rugby Union

THORN EMI COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP. — *Final: Middlesex v. Notts, Lincs and Derby* (Twickenham).

CLUB MATCHES. — Aberavon v. Llanelli; Birkenhead Pk v. Hull and ER; Bridgend v. Cross Keys; Caerleon v. Penarth (6.0; Cardiff v. Swansea; Cwmtry v. Pontypridd; Exeter Northampton; Gosforth v. Bedford; Halifax v. Fylde; Hartlepool Rovers v. Sheffield; Headingley v. Vale of Lune; Huddersfield v. Wilmslow; Leicester v. Bristol; Liverpool v. Orrell; Moseley v. L. Irish; Neath v. Gloucester; Newbridge v. L. Welsh; Newport v. Bath; Nuneaton v. Birmingham; Plymouth Albion v. Glamorgan Wanderers; Percy Pk v. Moseley; Richmond v. Nottingham (12.0); Rosslyn Pk v. Harlequins (12.0); Roundhay v. Broughton Pk; Rugby v. Oxford; Sale v. Pontypool; Saracens v. Wakefield; Wasps v. Waterloo; W of Scotland v. W Hartlepool.

JUBILEE MATCH. — Harlequins U-21 XV v. Surrey U-21 XV.

Rugby League

SLALOM LAGER CHAMPIONSHIP. — Featherstone R v. Bradford N (3.30); Halifax v. Leeds; Hull v. Castleford; St Helens v. Hull KR; Widnes v. Barrow; Wigan v. Hunslet; Workington T v. Warrington (2.30).

Second Division. — Bramley v. Doncaster (3.30); Bridgend v. Blackpool B; Dewsbury v. Southend Invicta (3.30); Fulham v. Whitehaven (at Wealdstone FC); Keighley v. Batley (3.15); Rochdale H v. Carlisle; Salford v. Runcorn Highfield; York v. Wakefield T (3.30).

Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE. — First Division: Sheffield Univ v. O Waconians; O Stonefieldians v. Sheffield; Sale v. Timperley; Stockport v. Moller.

AVON INSURANCE SENIOR FLARE FINAL. —Cheadle v. O Hulmeians (Didsbury CC, 2.30).

TOMORROW

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE. — Avon Insurance Senior Flare, Final (O Waconians, 2.30): Cheadle v. O Hulmeians.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE. — First Division: Purley v. Beckenham.

Hockey

ATARI LONDON LEAGUE (2.45). — Premier Division: St Albans v. Teddington; Tulse Hill v. Slough.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL. — Ireland v. England (Dublin, 2.30).

TOMORROW

COURAGE KENT CUP. — Final: Beckenham v. Sevenoaks (Sittingbourne, 2.30).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH.—Kent v. President's XI v. Yorkshire (Sittingbourne, 11.0).

Handball

BRITISH LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP. — Brentwood 72 v. EK '82 (4.0). Tomorrow: Fifth Place Play-off. First Leg: Leicester 73 v. Birkenhead (3.0).

Ice Hockey

HEINEKEN CHAMPIONSHIP. — Quarter-finals: Durham v. Murrayfield (6.30); Fife v. Ayr (7.0).

CHALLENGE MATCH. — Nottingham v. Lee Valley (6.30).

TOMORROW

HEINEKEN CHAMPIONSHIP. — Quarter-finals: Streatham v. Murrayfield (6.15); Ayr v. Fife (7.0). Division One: Blackpool v. Deeside (6.0); Bournemouth v. Richmond (5.0).

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Christian Schad looks return winner for Piggott

Richard Baerlein

Lester Piggott makes his first appearance of the season on an English racecourse at Salisbury this afternoon and should win the 2,000 Guineas Trial on Christian Schad, a runaway winner at Doncaster in the opening week of the season in the hands of Steve Cauthen.

Christian Schad is a stable-companion of Kala Dancer, top weight in the Free Handicap. He showed some form last season, but on the soft ground at Doncaster put up a most impressive performance. John Dunlop held Lidhame in high regard last season, but he never quite lived up to his reputation on the track. Primo Dominie was well placed to win five races in succession and no horse of his ability has ever done so well.

I doubt if he can give 5lb to Christian Schad and the ground may not be entirely to his liking. This should leave Piggott and his friend, Charles St George, with the winner and give trainer Ben Hanbury a good line to his 2,000 Guineas candidate Kala Dancer.

Michael Stoute, whose horses seem well forward, can win the BBA Salisbury 1,000 Guineas Trial with Dafayna, present third favourite for the General Accident 1,000 Guineas. Dafayna won both her races last season and is reported to be well forward.

Clive Brittain, who can do no wrong at the moment, fancies Happy Hannah, but her form last season was hardly good enough. Lost Cause is another with a chance but I like Dafayna.

Steve Cauthen can give Brittain yet another winner with Honeyman in the Mail On Sunday Three Year Old Series Handicap, which opens the meeting and on this ground Corncharm should repeat an earlier victory in the Cranborne Sprint Handicap.

Duck Flight, a winner first time out this season but well beaten by Our Jock at Kempton, can return to form in the Wallop Handicap, where he will be by far the fittest in the race.

At Ascot, Sheer Gold can add to his recent winnings in the Lily Tree Novices Hurdle. The distance of two and a half miles is hardly long enough to bring out her best, but I cannot see any member of the opposition likely to test her.

Townley Stone returned to his best form last time out and should win the Contibord Novices Handicap Chase even with a 6lb penalty. He looked a top chaser earlier in the season and after three failures looked better than ever last time out.

Vivaque can win his first race of the season for David Elsworth in the Alpine Meadow Handicap Hurdle.

In his sixth race since February 22 the five times victorious Floyd finally met his Waterloo in the Amaryllis Handicap at Kempton yesterday.

For the sixth time running he started favourite, but just when one expected him to go on and win when perfectly placed three furlongs from home he weakened.

Willie Carson had already taken up the running on the unpredictable six-year-old Lobkowiez and, surprisingly, kept his position to the end. Even the second favourite Old Hubert, could not keep up with him and the 25-1 chance, Bocada Lad, came along to deprive him of second place.

At one stage of his career Lobkowiez appeared a hopeless proposition and not worth his training expenses. He changed ownership but remained with Clive Brittain.

He did backers no favours last season when winning only one of his 11 races. The money for him yesterday was largely due to the fine form of Brittain's team.

I can hardly accept that Floyd's defeat was due to the shorter distance. He had a very hard race at Cheltenham in his fourth consecutive victory over hurdles and it was no walkover for him in the Queen's Prize on Easter Saturday.

Horses cannot keep top form for ever and may be he has gone over the top. He now has almost a month before the very valuable Swinton Hurdle Handicap at Haydock on May 6. With only 10st 2lb, he looks sure to start favourite for the seventh time running this year.

The new partnership of Henry Cecil and Steve Cauthen had their second winner from two runners when That's Your Lot won the three-runner Laburnum Stakes at even money.

These victories augur well for the seasonal debut of the 1,000 Guineas favourite, Oh So Sharp, in Thursday's Nell Gwyn Stakes. She is down to 5-2 for the first classic, a very short price for one who has the reputation of being something of a lady at home.

So often, fillies with temperament fail to train on and do not run up to their two-year-old form the following season. They are then God's gift to the bookmakers and I shall want to see Oh So Sharp perform before taking any interest in her.

Alakh is at his best in very heavy ground, as it was yesterday, but as he, the heavily backed Fun Galore and the favourite Bridge Street Lady, flashed past the post many experts favoured Fun Galore.

For once Alakh got a verdict he fully deserved after his gallant but unsuccessful attempt to beat the handicap snip Able Albert in last September's Ayr Gold Cup.

For a 20 lengths winner here four days ago when he beat three well backed runners Tangognat's starting price of 6-5 against in the Magnolia Stakes appeared more than generous especially in view of his 15 lengths victory over Ypsilantis.

There will be an important race in Ireland this afternoon when Vincent O'Brien runs his 2,000 Guineas candidate Gold Crest in the Gladness Stakes at the Curragh. Unbeaten in his two races last season, Gold Crest has been backed during the winter from 10-1 to 3-1 and everyone who has seen him expresses admiration for this son of Mr Prospector.

He will not be expected to stay the Derby distance as the trainer has other horses lined up for that. But today's event should prove a formality and harden his price for the Guineas still further.



FAST FILLY: Dafayna is a strong fancy for Salisbury's 1,000 Guineas Trial

SALISBURY

1 30 Honeyman
2 00 Dafayna
2 30 Corncharm (nb)
3 05 FLEUR ROUGE (Nap)
3 40 Christian Schad
4 10 On Patrol

DRAW ADVANTAGE: HIGH numbers best up to 1m but low numbers may be favoured on soft ground
* DENOTES BLINKERS GOING: Good to soft

—ITV—

1 30—'MAIL ON SUNDAY' THREE YEARS OLD SERIES (HANDICAP): 1m; £2,712 (13 runners).
3 (11) 302000– NO REBATE (Mrs J. Fisher) M. Ryan 9-7 .... P. Robinson
7 (7) 20113-4 SUDDEN IMPACT (R. Chiarella) G. Lewis 9-6 .... P. Waldron
10 (2) 23000-0 THE UPSTART (The Bison Club) K. Brassey 9-2 ... S. Whitworth (3)
11 (6) 00210- LEMHILL (S. Hinton) M. Blanshard 9-2 .... J. Reid
12 (12) 32004-2 HONEYMAN (Mrs J. Nicolaides) C. Brittain 9-1 .... S. Cauthen
14 (5) 000- GREAT TEY (D. Cock) R. Hannon 8-10 .... A. McGlone
15 (13) 010341- MAKING TRACKS (C. Bexx) C. N. Williams 8-9 .... G. Baxter
16 (7) 4030- MAGIC BID (Sheikh Mohammed) B. Hills 8-7 .... R. Fox
17 (3) 000-0 SNAKE RIVER (T. Ellis) P. Haslam 8-6 .... G. Sexton
18 (4) 040340- LINGFIELD LADY (Lingfield Park Racecourse) P. Mitchell 8-6 .... J. Matthias
20 (8) 0000-00 WUGBY (G. Burton) R. J. Baker 8-2 .... N. Carlisle
21 (10) 001130- TRICENCO (Clubchamp Ltd) S. Woodman 8-0 .... N. Adams (5)
22 (9) 212042- MAJOR'S REVIEW (J. Watson) M. McCourt 7-12 ... T. Williams (3)
1984: No corresponding race.
Betting forecast: 3 Sudden Impact, 7-2 Honeyman, 9-2 The Upstart, 6 Making Tracks, 8 Snake River, 10 Tricenco.
TOP FORM TIPS: Sudden Impact 8, Honeyman 7, Making Tracks 6.

—ITV—

2 0—BBA SALISBURY 1,000 GUINEAS TRIAL STAKES: 3-Y-O Fillies: 7f; £5,903 (8 runners).
1 (1) 11- DAFAYNA (H. H. Aga Khan) M. Stoute 8-13 .... W. R. Swinburn
2 (4) 10- BOBO EMA (C. St George) P. Kelleway 8-9 .... L. Piggott
4 (8) 100- DEVON DEFENDER (C) (A. Bingley Ltd) D. Elsworth 8-9 B. Rouse
5 (6) 40311-0 GLEN TUMBLE (Mrs A. Magliolo) W. H-Bass 8-9 .... P. Robinson
6 (3) 102000- HAPPY HANNAH (W. Gredley) C. Brittain 8-9 .... S. Cauthen
8 (2) 4100- LOST CAUSE (C/D) (E. Kronfeld) I. Balding 8-9 .... J. Matthias
9 (7) 1202- SWIFT AND SURE (Sheikh Mohammed) B. Hills 8-9 .... R. Hills
10 (5) LUNDYLUX (St O'Connell) R. Hannon 8-6 .... A. McGlone
1984: Meis El-Reem 8-11 A. Lequeux 6-4 fav O. Douieb 11 ran.
Betting forecast: 4-6 Dafayna, 6 Lost Cause, 8 Swift And Sure, 10 Happy Hannah, 12 Devon Defender, 14 Glen Tumble.
TOP FORM TIPS: Dafayna 9, Swift And Sure 7, Happy Hannah 6.

—ITV—

2 30—CRANBOURNE SPRINT HANDICAP: 6f; £2,200 (12 runners).
1 (10) 00000-0 SINGING SAILOR (C) (Introgroup Holdings) R. Hannon 6-9-10 L. Piggott
2 (7) 400010- BERNARD SUNLEY (D) (Sunley Holdings) G. Hunter 6-9-8 P. Waldron
3 (11) 010010- KORYPHEOS (C) (D) (C. Papaioannou) P. Mitchell 6-9-4 J. Matthias
4 (2) 00020-0 MANIMSTAR * (D) (S. Brewer) P. Makin 5-9-3 .... S. Cauthen
5 (6) 040000- AMEGHINO (J. Watson) M. McCourt 5-9-1 .... R. Wernham
6 (4) 41310-0 VIRGIN ISLE (T. Ellis) P. Haslam 4-8-7 .... G. Sexton
8 (5) 000002- AL TRUI (D) (M. Saunders) S. Mellor 5-8-6 .... M. Wigham
10 (9) 31110-0 LAFROWDA (D) (R. Warren) R. Hoad 4-8-5 .... C. Rutter (5)
11 (8) 00402-1 CORNCHARM (Corncharm Ltd) M. McCormack 4-8-5 .... N. Howe
14 (1) 320000- HATCHING (D) (E. Gadsden) M. Blanshard 4-8-0 .... N. Adams (5)
15 (3) 003000- ELAINE ANN (D) (A. Paootto) M. J. Haynes 4-7-7 .... I. Jenkinson
16 (12) 230000- FIGHTING JIMMY (K. Hull) D. A. Wilson 4-7-7 .... T. Williams (3)
1984: Dawns Delight 6-7-13 J. Lowe 6-1 jt fav K. Ivory 16 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-4 Corncharm, 4 Singing Sailor, 11-2 Manimstar, 7 Lafrowda, 10 Virgin Isle, Korypheos.
TOP FORM TIPS: Corncharm 10, Manimstar 7, Singing Sailor 6.

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS
Nap: SHEER GOLD (2.0 Ascot)
Next best: DAFAYNA (2.0 Salisbury)

3 5—WALLOP HANDICAP: 3-Y-O; 5f; £2,110 (11 runners).
1 (11) 1312-0 ZANTAC (D) (N. Coughlan) R. Hannon 9-7 .... L. Jones (7)
2 (3) 11000-0 SUPER REGAL (D) (Mrs N. Lewis) G. Lewis 9-2 .... P. Waldron
3 (1) 34403- PIANO MAN (P. Leonard) K. Brassey 8-11 .... S. Whitworth (3)
4 (9) 031030- APRIL FOOL (T. Vignoles) M. Usher 8-10 .... A. McGlone
5 (2) 010-0 LAURIE LORMAN (D) (A. J. Bingley Ltd) M. McCourt 8-8 R. Wernham
6 (4) 30140-3 MISS OCTAVIAN (D) (K. MacMaster) P. Makin 8-7 .... W. Carson
7 (5) 0230-12 DUCK FLIGHT (D) (BF) (R. Duesdon) J. D-Home 8-6 .... J. Reid
8 (10) 31420- FLEUR ROUGE (K. Khurbash) G. Hunter 8-6 .... T. Quinn
10 (6) 400031- RAPID GLORY (A. Scarfe) R. Baker 6-0 .... N. Carlisle
11 (7) 000-0 TOUCH THE WIND (Roldvale Ltd) C. Horgan 7-10 .... R. Fox
12 (8) 000-0 YAM (Y. Nasib) P. Butler 7-7 .... R. Still
1984: Daring Display 9-0 S. Cauthen 7-1 G. Hunter 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-4 Duck Flight, 9-2 Miss Octavian, 11-2 Zantac, 13-2 Rapid Glory, 8 Fleur Rouge, 10 Piano Man.
TOP FORM TIPS: Duck Flight 8, Miss Octavian 7, Rapid Glory 6.

3 40—SALISBURY 2000 GUINEAS TRIAL STAKES; 3-Y-O; 7f; £11,110 (6 runners).
1 (1) 111113- PRIMO DOMINIE (P. Wetzel) Mrs S. Swift 9-1 .... J. Reid
2 (3) 1342- ADDENBROOKE (Dr K. Menon) P. Cole 8-10 .... T. Quinn
3 (4) 02120-1 CHRISTIAN SCHAD (D) (C. St George) B. Hanbury 8-10 ... L. Piggott
5 (6) 23- LIDHAME (H. Al-Maktoum) J. Dunlop 8-10 .... W. Carson
6 (5) 4011-2 MIAMI COUNT (Mrs A. Quinn) R. Lister (Ire) 8-10 .... R. Swinburn
8 (2) 14-0 NATIVE SKIER (A. Richards) C. Brittain 8-10 .... P. Robinson
1984: Rousillon 8-10 G. Starkey 5-4 fav G. Harwood 17 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-10 Christian Schad, 3 Primo Dominie, 5 Lidhame, 7 Miami Count, 12 Native Skier, 14 Addenbrooke.
TOP FORM TIPS: Christian Schad 9, Lidhame 7.

4 10—ANDOVER MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES: 3-Y-O; 11m; £1,485 (11 runners).
1 (9) BOGGY PEAK (J. Morrison) J. Tree 8-11 .... S. Raymont
3 (8) 00- CANTICO (G. Strawbridge) I. Balding 8-11 .... J. Matthias
5 (10) 00- FIRST TEMPTATION (Clubchamp Ltd) J. Jenkins 8-11 ... J. Williams
6 (3) FLOWER OF SPRING (A. Perry) G. Lewis 8-11 .... P. Waldron
7 (11) 232- GOODY BLAKE (H. Morriss) G. Wragg 8-11 .... J. Reid
13 (12) 0020- MISS MONROE (C. Frewin) R. Hannon 8-11 .... A. McGlone
14 (4) NORTHERN ASPEN (A. Paulson) O. Douieb 8-11 .... A. Lequeux
16 (6) 32 ON PATROL (BF) (Mrs P. Lemos) C. Brittain 8-11 ... P. Robinson
18 (2) 00- PHAR LAPA (Mrs P. Shaw) B. Hills 8-11 .... R. Hills
19 (1) 00- PRIMROSE WAY (Mrs C. Dixon) M. Blanshard 8-11 W. R. Swinburn
21 (5) 00-0 SAGARFINA (K. F. Butler & Co) P. Mitchell 8-11 .... doubtful
22 (7) 00- SOISBEAU (R. Deen) G. Hunter 8-11 .... T. Quinn
1984: Little Niece 8-11 W. Carson 8-1 J. Dunlop 17 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-4 Goody Blake, 7-2 On Patrol, 7 Boggy Peak, 10 Northern Aspen, 12 Phar Lapa.
TOP FORM TIPS: Goody Blake 8, On Patrol 7, Phar Lapa 6.

● Aviance, second favourite for the 1,000 Guineas will go straight to Newmarket without a preparatory race, according to her trainer David O'Brien. "She worked very well this morning and I am delighted with her progress to date. She goes straight for the Guineas now as I am satisfied that she does not need a preparatory race," said O'Brien yesterday.

Harry Heymer sums up the television races

Corncharm has the edge on fitness

ASCOT (BBC 1)

2.0 (2½ Hdle): SHEER GOLD after her second to Asir in the Sun Alliance Novices Hurdle at Cheltenham, made no mistake next time out at Ascot, winning a lovely race from Ten of Spades, stretching out on the flat to score by seven lengths. On that showing Muqadar and company will find her a formidable opponent.

2.35 (3m Ch): DEEP MOPPET has only once been out of the first four in seven attempts over fences this season and she deserves a success. She jumps well and is at home in soft going.

3.15 (2¼m Ch): TOWNLEY STONE came back to his best over this course and distance last time out, beating Sign Again and Very Promising with ease. When winning his first two chases at the beginning of the season, he looked top class but his subsequent form until Ascot earlier this month was most disappointing. Whatever the trouble, trainer John Webber seems to have found the answer and the six-year-old looks to be back at his best.

SALISBURY (ITV)

1.30 (1m) HONEYMAN, from the in-form stable of Clive Brittain, may have been taking on a very smart rival when second to Paul Cole's Arctic Guard. The latter has won since that Leicester race, so the form looks good.

2.0 (7f): DAFAYNA, who has been well backed for the 1,000 Guineas, should have the measure of these rivals. She is said to have been going well at home and connections will be disappointed if she fails here. Glen Tumble has had a run and looks the obvious danger.

2.30 (6f): CORNCHARM has already scored for Matt McCormack, ploughing his way through the soft ground with 9st 2lb to beat Peanday by a head at Folkestone. He meets better class here but his fitness may win the day.

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2 15 Rhoecus
2 50 Been Mugged
3 25 Veleso
4 00 Winart
4 35 Kilreelig
5 05 Monmouth

* DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Heavy

2 15 — ALFRED McALPINE MINERALS NOVICE HURDLE: 2m 80yds; £1,105 (14 runners).
100 RHOECUS 6-12-0 .... G. Bradley
001 CAPA 5-11-7 .... M. Caswell (4)
401 GUN-CARRIAGE (C/D) 5-11-7 .... Miss D. Jones (7)
132 RACHEL'S DELIGHT (BF) 6-11-2 .... E. Williams (4)
000 ROYAL CHARGE 4-11-1 M. Bastard
0 HARLEY 5-11-0 .... P. Barry
R/ KAIKAS 6-11-0
LUCKY MICHAEL 5-11-0 ... doubtful
040 RACING ACE 6-11-0 .... M. Williams
422 STAR BURST 8-11-0 ... C. Cowley (7)
033 MERRY JANE (C) 4-10-10 .... K. Burke (7)
PO GOLDEN DECOY 5-10-9 J. Wathen (7)
LOVING EYES 5-10-9 .... Mr J. Weston
00P HUYTON BOY 4-10-8 .... Sharron James (7)
0U QUALITY PRINCE 4-10-8 W. Morris
Betting forecast: 8-11 Rhoecus, 5 Rachel's Delight, 7 Star Burst, 8 Royal Charge, 12 Merry Jane, 14 Gun-Carriage.

2 50—McALPINE HOMES NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE: 2½m 70yds; £2,295. (8 runners).
F421 NOTRE CHEVAL (7lb ex) 6-12-0 .... M. Perrett
041 BEEN MUGGED (5lb ex) 9-11-8 .... J. White
0-00 DEEP RIDGE 7-10-13 .... R. Linley
P3- VINCCI 8-10-10 Mr M. Price (7)
321 SMALL MONEY (C) 6-10-8 .... P. Warner
03F BROUGHTON LAD 12-10-2 .... S. McNeill
020 COME ON SONNY 6-10-0 A. Webb
P00 DANILOU 8-10-0 .... C. Mann
Betting forecast: 13-8 Been Mugged, 3 Small Money, 5 Notre Cheval, 7 Vincci, Deep Ridge.

3 25—ALFRED McALPINE HANDICAP CHASE: 3m 220yds; £3,615 (10 runners).
011 DUMPER * 8-11-7 ... N. Fearn (7)
333 FRED PILLINER * (C/D) 8-10-10 .... M. Williams
20F BASHFUL LAD 10-10-6 R. Dunwoody
000F SOLIHULL SPORT 11-10-4 .... S. J. O'Neill
P1-0 FOXBURY 11-10-3 .... P. Warner
111 VELESO 7-10-1 .... R. Linley
030 HAYBALE (C/D) 11-10-0 J. Suthern
233 ROYSCRIPT (C/D) 8-10-0 P. Dever
000 WOODLANDS LAD 10-10-0 C. Mann
F00 ROYAL NORMAN * 9-10-0 .... M. Brisbourne
Betting forecast: 2 Veleso, 3 Dumper, 5 Fred Pilliner, 7 Bashful Lad, 8 Royscript, 10 Foxbury.

4 0—ALFRED McALPINE CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP HURDLE: 2m 80yds; £2,186 (13 runners).
4F1- BALTIC 9-11-9 .... J. Suthern
0-0F KLAIROVE 6-11-2 .... T. Wall
001 WINART (7lb ex) (C/D) 7-11-1 .... S. Earle (4)
000 ASIA MINOR (D) 5-10-12 R. Hyett
000 TANCRED WALK (C/D) 6-10-12 .... J. Burke
FU DOONALLY 9-10-8 .... R. Linley
040- EXCLUSIVE FOX 8-10-2 .... C. Smith
0-0R RODACE (C/D) 6-10-0 .... R. Crank
000 LE PEARL * 8-10-0 P. Caldwell (7)
P23 PASS ASHORE 6-10-0 .... R. Dunwoody
240 FOOTWORK 5-10-0 G. Williams (4)
0-0U ROCKMAN 7-10-0 .... Mrs P. Nisby
0F-P BEST INTENT 8-10-0 Mr M. Price (7)
Betting forecast: 9-4 Winart, 4 Klairove, 11-2 Doonally, Baltic, 8 Tancred Walk, 10 Pass Ashore, Asia Minor.

4 35 — GILBERT COTTON MEMORIAL HUNTER CHASE: Amateur Riders: 3m 200yds; £1,156 (9 runners).
022 KILREELIG (C/D) (BF) 10-12-0 .... W. Barlow (7)
4/0- PRINCELY CALL 11-12-0 .... N. Jones (7)
0U-P AYRESOME 10-11-7 .... C. Tellwright (7)
40-U BROILER BOY 10-11-7 R. Hewitt (7)
0/U- CHAIR OF KILDARE 10-11-7 .... G. Charlton (7)
P-3 JIMMY THOMPSON 9-11-7 .... Mrs K. Dickie (7)
U00 LOWLAND CAVALIER 12-11-7 .... Miss T. Ascott (7)
UFP TRAVELAID 9-11-7 H. Wheeler (7)
3/2- LE JOUR FORTUNE 10-11-2 .... J. Weston
Betting forecast: 9-4 Jimmy Thompson, 100-30 Kilreelig, 9-2 Le Jour Fortune, 6 Broiler Boy, 8 Princely Call.

5 05 — ALFRED McALPINE PROPERTY NOVICE HURDLE: 2½m; £1,130 (15 runners).
221 MONMOUTH 7-11-6 P. Caldwell (7)
031 HAND ME DOWN 8-11-1 S. Earle (7)
330 AL-ABJAR 5-11-0 .... J. Burke
0 BRASSEYS COPSE 6-11-0 .... S. Mernagh
000 GOLD WARBLER 5-11-0 R. Dunwoody
0 INDIAN OFFICER 6-11-0 G. Bradley
0 JOHNSTON'S PRIDE (BF) 6-11-0 .... K. Doolan (4)
LA SPIRIT 7-11-0 ....
PO LEA SPIRIT 11-11-0 Mrs Cowley (7)
0 LONG WAIT 6-11-0 .... A. Stringer
SCALDERA 5-11-0 .... M. Williams
WOOTTON BOY 9-11-0 ....
F-00 ROWANE 11-10-9 ....
PO SUNNY FURLONG 5-10-9 ....
300 GO ANNA GO 4-10-3 Mr N. Price (7)
Betting forecast: 15-8 Monmouth, 11-4 Hand Me Down, 4 Al-Abjar, 6 Indian Officer, 10 Gold Warbler, 12 Sunny Furlong.

ASCOT N.H.

JACKPOT AND PLACEPOT: First Six Races.
* DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Good to Soft.

2 00 Sheer Gold
2 35 Deep Moppet
3 15 Townley Stone
3 50 Comedy Fair
4 20 Vivaque
4 50 Cheekio Ora
5.25 Croix de Guerre

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2 0—LILY TREE NOVICE HURDLE: 2½m; £3,321 (21 runners).
101 11530 THE HACIENDEROS (BF) D. Thom 6-11-12 .... Mr D. Murphy (4)
103 PP ASHCOMBE T. Balms 6-11-7 .... J. Lovejoy
105 0C3 BLUE DART J. Gifford 5-11-7 .... R. Rowe
107 0000P CHARLIE DAN A. Moore 7-11-7 .... G. Moore
108 4311PO DIXTON HOUSE M. Scudamore 6-11-7 P. Scudamore
109 000030 DRUMMOND STREET A. Moore 6-11-7 ....
110 0124 EMERALD WATSON F. Winter 5-11-7 ... B. de Haan
111 033-000 FRIENDLY HENRY * J. Fox 5-11-7 .... S. Moore
112 442032 FUDGE DELIGHT D. Sherwood 6-11-7 .... H. Davies
113 PO3012 HIGHLAND CLIPPER M. Salaman 6-11-7 .... Mr M. Bosley (7)
115 PF KALKOS O. J. Carter 6-11-7 .... C. Cox (7)
116 13 KING DAITH N. Gaselee 6-11-7 .... V. McKevitt
117 104 KINGSWICK F. Winter 5-11-7 .... J. Duggan
118 004610 LISBOURNE LAD M. Connell 5-11-7 M. Hammond
120 114430 MEISTER (D) J. Old 5-11-7 .... P. Murphy
124 RUSHBEDS Mrs M. Rimell 6-11-7 .... S. Morshead
125 1121 SHEER GOLD (C/D) G. Balding 5-11-7 B. Reilly
127 4340 STAR OF ARABIA Mrs J. Pitman .... M. Pitman (4)
130 000227 CAUCHEMAR (D) Mrs J. Barrow 6-11-2 Peter Hobbs
131 11 MUQADAR D. Sherwood 4-11-0 ... Mrs S. Sherwood
132 0 SARPAL J. Jenkins 4-11-0 .... F. Lamy
1984: Sign Again 6-11-3 S. Moore 12-1 J. Fox 14 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-8 Sheer Gold, 7-2 Muqadar, 6 Emerald Watson, 8 The Hacienderos, 12 Highland Clipper, 12 Cauchemar.
TOP FORM TIPS: Sheer Gold 8, Emerald Watson 7, Muqadar 6.

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2 35—ROYAL FERN NOVICE CHASE: 3m; £5,428; (15 runners).
201 U3423P ARCTIC MARINER W. Turner 7-11-8 Miss T. Turner
202 P03P6F BARGILL F. Winter 6-11-8 .... J. Duggan
203 F2002F BLACK COMBE (BF) R. Fisher 7-11-8 .... J. Davis
204 0-023FF FLOYD Mrs M. Rimell 6-11-8 .... S. Morshead
205 004-032 GLEN-LOOK J. Honeyball 10-12-8 .... Peter Hobbs
206 P12230 INDIANA DARE * J. Jenkins 9-11-8 J. J. O'Neill
208 F22002 MR CANDY A. Moore 6-11-8 .... G. Moore
209 2 RAUSAL T. Bailey 6-11-8 .... Mr B. Dowling
210 P P40 ROBERT HENRY R. Armytage 9-11-8 .... H. Davies
212 0-03F33 SLAVE LANE (BF) H. Hanson 6-11-8 .... S. Smith Eccles
213 430420 BROWN VEIL R. Armytage 10-11-3 .... Miss G. Armytage
214 343002 CELTIC BEAUTY * D. Elsworth 7-11-3 .... C. Brown
215 022434 DEEP MOPPET D. Gandolfo 7-11-3 ... R. Earnshaw
1984: Door Latch 6-11-8 P. Hobbs 5-2 fav J. Gifford 11 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-2 Rausal, 7-2 Glen-Look, 9-2 Celtic Beauty, 6 Slave Lane, Deep Moppet, 8 Bargill, 10 Black Combe.
TOP FORM TIPS: Rausal 8, Glen-Look 7, Slave Lane 6.

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3 15—CONTIBOARD NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE; 2¼m; £10,466 (8 runners).
301 113201 TOWNLEY STONE (6lb ex) (C/D) J. Webber 6-12-2 .... G. McCourt
302 C2411F I HAVENTALIGHT F. Winter 6-11-7 Mr S. Sherwood
303 U14143 CATCH PHRASE J. Gifford 7-11-6 ... R. Rowe
304 121FF1 MR MOONRAKER (4lb ex) (D) L. Kennard 8-11-9 ... B. Powell
310 220132 CLAUDE MONET (D) D. Gandolfo 7-10-12 .... R. Earnshaw
312 210F02 STRAY SHOT J. Gifford 7-10-6 ... E. Murphy (7)
316 1413-11 PADDYBORO (4lb ex) J. Gifford 7-10-3 .... P. Nicholls
317 301P00 MEMBRIDGE P. Dufosee 10-10-0 ... W. Knox (7)
1984: The Thatcher 6-10-4 P. Hobbs 4-1 J. Gifford 9 ran.
Betting forecast: 3 Townley Stone, 9-2 Paddyboro, 5 I Haventalight, 11-2 Mr Moonraker, 8 Stray Shot, 10 Claude Monet.
TOP FORM TIPS: Townley Stone 8, Paddyboro 7, Stray Shot 6.

3 50—TRILLIUM HANDICAP HURDLE; 2m; £3,833 (9 runners).
401 3201P0 DESERT ORCHID (C/D) D. Elsworth, 6-12-0 .... C. Brown
402 200101 RHYTHMIC PASTIMES (4lb ex) (D) J. Jenkins 5-12-12 ....
405 101112 COMEDY FAIR (D) M. H. Easterby 5-10-5 .... J. J. O'Neill
406 340014 MISTER GOLDEN (D) F. Winter 5-10-1 J. Duggan
408 11-3400 SKYLANDER (D) F. Walwyn 6-10-0 ... K. Mooney
409 110-210 FAITHFUL DON (D) G. Balding 6-10-0 ... B. Reilly
412 00-0003 HOORAH HENRY (D) D. Nicholson 5-10-0 .... P. Scudamore
415 000030 DICK'S FOLLY (D) (BF) R. Hodges 6-10-0 .... G. McCourt
418 0-0020P PLAZA TORO (D) W. G. Turner 6-10-0 .... Jessica Turner (7)
1984: Don Giovanni 5-10-3, B. de Haan, 6-1, F. Winter, 9 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-4 Comedy Fair, 3 Rhythmic Pastimes, 4 Desert Orchid, 6 Mister Golden, 8 Faithful Don, 10 Hoorah Henry.
TOP FORM TIPS: Comedy Fair 8, Rhythmic Pastimes 7, Mister Golden 6.

4 20—ALPINE MEADOW HANDICAP HURDLE; 3m; £5,244 (7 runners).
502 303003 VIVAQUE D. Elsworth 6-11-7 .... C. Brown
503 C23004 NIALAN * (C/D) J. Jenkins 5-11-5 J. J. O'Neill
507 0-F6P20 FAME THE SPUR Mrs J. Pitman 7-10-12 .... M. Pitman (4)
508 P0000P MOSSMORRAN (D) A. Scott 6-10-10 .... P. A. Charlton
509 1-04200 LOCHBOISDALE J. King 5-10-7 S. Smith Eccles
510 201120 GRUNDY GLOW Mrs J. Pitman 5-10-6 B. de Haan
511 000-021 SIMBAD (4lb ex) (D) R. Fisher 9-10-4 .... M. Meacher (4)
1984: Fitzherbert 6-9-8 B. Powell 16-1 L. Kennard 12 ran.
Betting forecast: 7-4 Simbad, 100-30 Vivaque, 5 Nialan, 8 Grundy Glow, 10 Lochboisdale, 12 Fame The Spur.
TOP FORM TIPS: Simbad 8, Nialan 7, Grundy Glow 6.

4 50—MAHONIA HUNTER CHASE: Amateur Riders: 2½m; £2,372 (12 runners).
601 10-4111 CHEEKIO ORA (D) H. Parry 12-12-1 .... T. Grantham (7)
602 4113-FF CONNAUGHT RANGER (C/D) Mrs M. Rimell 11-12-1 .... Miss K. Rimell (7)
603 P10-1F1 FURTHER THOUGHT (C) Mrs V. Brook 10-12-1 .... T. Thomson Jones
604 FUU1-13 JACK OF ALL TRADES J. Ortabooke 9-12-1 .... A. Hill (7)
606 11UFPF TANDYS TONIC R. Bendell 8-11-10 .... Miss M. Senar (7)
607 101PPP/ ASHFORD DITTON (C) O. Carter 10-11-7 .... S. Sherwood
608 002-004 DANCING BRIG (C) (D) T. Clay 14-11-7 .... A. J. Wilson
610 40F 0-P MODUS OPERANDI D. Bell 8-11-7 .... Miss E. Armytage (7)
611 PFF-FP MOONLIGHT EXPRESS (D) J. Hankinson 12-11-7 .... J. Hankinson (7)
612 P1/ MURRAY'S GIFT C. Saate 11-11-7 C. Saate (7)
613 2P2-240 OLD CASTLE LINE (D) D. Bloor 9-11-7 .... D. Bloor (7)
614 0030P4/ CLAVERTON P. Coombes 7-11-2 ....
1984: Connaught Ranger 10-12-1 Mr A. Sharpe 9-4 fav Mrs M. Rimell 10 ran.
Betting forecast: 2 Further Thought, 7-2 Cheekio Ora, 5 Connaught River, 6 Jack of all Trades, 8 Old Castle Line, 10 Dancing Brig.
TOP FORM TIPS: Cheekio Ora 8, Old Castle Line 7, Further Thought 6.

5 25—VIKING NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE: 2m; £2,028 (29 runners).
3 ABERLOW S. Christian 5-11-6 .... Mr T. Reed (7)
4 AVIATION SUPPORT J. Jenkins 5-11-6 Mr S. Sherwood
8 GRANNIES ROCKET J. Gifford 5-11-6 E. Murphy (7)
13 JOCKSER J. Webber 5-11-6 .... M. Jenkins (7)
14 KINGSWOOD KITCHENS S. Harris 5-11-6 .... Mr A. J. Wilson
15 KNOBI OBI Miss E. Sneyd 6-11-6 W. Hayes (7)
16 MAJESTIC BUCK K. Bailey 5-11-6 A. Jones (4)
17 MORNING EXCHANGE J. Jenkins 5-11-6 .... Mr S. Sherwood
26 SIR HECTOR S. Mellor 6-11-6 .... E. Jones (7)
31 0 TOP PRYAL Mrs A. Finch 5-11-6 .... T. Brittle (7)
36 0 DIM DRUMS T. Blair 6-11-1 .... Mr J. Phillips (7)
38 0 GENERAL'S GIRL A. James 5-11-1 .... doubtful
40 3 LOBLOLLY Mrs P. Finch 5-11-1 .... Mr J. Mead
41 0 MIDAS BELLE P. Allingham 5-11-1 .... Mr T. Grantham (7)
43 SPOONBENDER G. Balding, 5-11-1 P. McDermott (7)
44 00 TRICK ANSWER J. Castle 6-11-1 Mr S. Woods (7)
45 ASFA SPECIAL S. Christian 4-11-0 Mr Thomson Jones
50 0 CROIX DE GUERRE Mrs J. Pitman 4-11-0 .... M. Pitman (4)
56 HOW NOW Mrs J. Pitman 4-11-0 M. Bowlby (7)
61 MARCHESI J. O'Donoghue 4-11-0 Mr B. D'Leary
63 MELBUR BUBB Miss S. Waterman 4-11-0 .... Miss S. Waterman
67 ONE FOR MAMMY C. Roach 4-11-0 ....
74 ROYAL ARMISTIST Miss E. Sneyd 4-11-0 .... Mr M. Bosley (7)
75 SPRINGDALE STAR T. Bulgin 4-11-0 M. Heward (7)
77 STAR WONDER J. Bridger 4-11-0 B. Galvin (7)
81 WOODGATE T. Forster 4-11-0 ... Mr L. Harvey (7)
85 HARVEST HOPE N. Smith 4-10-9 Mr N. Smith (7)
86 HIGHTOWN FONTANA J. Fox 4-10-9 .... M. Bridgeman (7)
90 PATRICIA JUNE D. Tucker 4-10-9 A. Morgan (7)
90 TRUE POETRY B. Stevens 4-10-9 R. Muggeridge (7)
1984: No corresponding race.
Betting forecast: 11-8 Croix de Guerre, 4 Morning Exchange, 6 Sir Hector, 8 Woodgate, 10 Spoonbender, 12 Asfa Special.

● There are no horses blinkered for the first time today.

BEVERLEY

2 00 Northern Ballerina
2 30 Runaway
3 00 Kazaroun
3 30 Windpipe
4 00 Khaelan
4 30 London Leader

DRAW ADVANTAGE: HIGH numbers best over 5f.
* DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Soft.

2 0—KIPLINGCOTES SELLING STAKES; 3-Y-O; 7f; £932 (15 runners).
2 (10) 003000- MALOWSKI * M. Brittain 9-1 .... B. Coogan
3 (5) 00331-0 NORTHERN PARADE M. W. Easterby 9-1 .... M. Hindley (5)
4 (8) 0-10 LADY GRIM (D) W. Wharton 8-12 W. Wharton
5 (14) 00300-1 NORTHERN BALLERINA E. Carter 8-12 .... Wendy Carter (7)
6 (11) 010-2 RUN EASY I. Vickers 8-12 ... J. H. Brown (5)
7 (1) 0000-00 BRAMPTON IMPERIAL D. Chapman 8-10 .... M. Wood
8 (3) 000000- HAPPY CASH W. Bentley 8-10 ... G. Duffield
10 (15) 0-0 MICKEY FINN M. Lambert 8-10 ... D. Oldham
13 (6) 0 YELLOW BEAR R. Hollinshead 8-10 S. Perks
16 (13) 0000-00 EMMAZENDA J. Parkes 8-7 .... N. Day
18 (2) 00000- HYMNODY C. Gray 8-7 .... O. Gray
20 (4) 000- LADY ABWAH M. Brittain 8-7 M. Irving (7)
22 (12) 000- RED HOUSE LADY T. Barron 8-7 ... S. Webster
24 (9) 0- VICTORIA MISS W. Wharton 8-7 .... Gay Kelleway (5)
25 (7) 0-4 YOUNG APRIL W. Haigh 8-7 .... T. Ives
1984: Lady Locket 8-7 G. Duffield 5-1 M. Lambert 15 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-4 Lady Grim 100-30 Run Easy, 9-2 Northern Ballerina, 6 Mickey Finn, 8 Northern Parade, 12 Young April.
TOP FORM TIPS: Run Easy 8, Lady Grim 7, Northern Parade 6.

2 30—'TURN TO YORKSHIRE' STAKES: 2-Y-O; 5f; £2,257 (8 runners).
2 (8) 41 RUNAWAY (D) R. Hollinshead 9-2 S. Perks
4 (2) 01 BLESSED AISLE (D) J. W. Watts 8-13 .... B. Thomson
5 (6) 1 JELDAIRE (D) P. Rohan 8-13 ... R. Fahey (7)
12 (7) SUNNY BAR M. H. Easterby 8-11 K. Hodgson
15 (4) 1 THE HILCOTE CLUB (5lb ex) (D) M. McCormack 9-2 .... R. Cochrane
16 (1) VILTASH J. Etherington 8-11 .... M. Wood
17 (5) WAY ABOVE P. Rohan 8-11 .... C. Dwyer
20 (3) DECCAN PRINCESS G. Oldroyd 8-8 .... G. Oldroyd
1984: Persian Pleasure 8-13 E. Guest 5-2 fav R. Boss 7 ran.
Betting forecast: 15-8 Jeldaire, 9-4 The Hillcote Club, 4 Runaway, 11-2 Blessed Aisle, 10 Sunny Bar.
TOP FORM TIPS: Jeldaire 8, Runaway 7, The Hillcote Club 6.

3 0 — HOLSTEN DIAT PILS MAIDEN STAKES; 3-Y-O; 11m; £1,524 (10 runners).
1 (6) 00304-2 ARGYLL MAJOR Denys Smith 9-0 .... M. Fry
7 (3) 0- KAZAROUN M. Stoute 9-0 .... A. Kimberley
8 (2) 204- LETBY M. H. Easterby 9-0 .... M. Birch
9 (7) 00-0 MARTIAN BABY C. Brittain 9-0 .... J. Lowe
13 (8) 000-2 RACING DEMON F. Carr 9-0 .... J. Carr (7)
14 (5) 00- RED ENSIGN Hbt. Jones 9-0 .... N. Connorton
15 (9) 0- REGAL CAPISTRANO M. Prescott 9-0 G. Duffield
18 (10) 000- SYMPHYTUM G. Huffer 9-0 .... M. Miller
22 (1) WARRIOR UNCLE W. Jarvis 9-0 .... N. Day
29 (4) 0000- MOUNT EPHRAIM G. Harman 8-11 G. P. Kelly
1984: Calaldi 9-0 A. Clark evens fav G. Harwood 11 ran.
Betting forecast: 6-4 Kazaroun, 3 Letby, 9-2 Racing Demon, 11-2 Argyll Major, 9 Regal Capistrano.
TOP FORM TIPS: Kazaroun 9, Letby 7, Racing Demon 6.

3 30—WHITBY HANDICAP: 1m; £1,836 (10 runners).
3 (7) 211010- WINDPIPE (D) J. W. Watts 7-9-7 B. Thomson
6 (3) 412400- ROCABAY BLUE (C/D) M. Camacho 4-9-4 .... T. Ives
10 (1) 400000- RAPID LAD (C/D) J. Spearing 7-8-11 .... N. Nicholls
13 (10) 003420- NAGARRO S. Norton 5-8-9 .... J. Lowe
14 (6) 00000-0 EASTFORM (C/D) D. Chapman 5-8-5 M. Wood
21 (8) 0021-00 PRINCE DARIUS C. Tinkler 3-7-9 L. Charnock
22 (5) 002-222 MISHA J. Wilson 5-7-9 ... Julie Bowker (7)
24 (4) 000000- TAPOUSCHA W. Haigh 4-7-7 ... B. McGiff (7)
25 (9) 0003-01 BANDORO * (5lb ex) (D) J. Mulhall 6-7-7 .... A. Proud
27 (2) 040000- MING VILLAGE J. Parkes 5-7-7 ... B. Crossley
1984: Eastform 4-10-1 D. Nicholls 16-1 D. Chapman 18 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-2 Bandoro, 7-2 Misha, 4 Prince Darius, 5 Windpipe, 8 Nagarro, 10 Rapid Lad.
TOP FORM TIPS: Misha 9, Bandoro 7, Windpipe 6.

4 0—HESSLE STAKES: 1¼m; £1,423 (12 runners).
2 (5) 0 BALKASH R. Stubbs 4-9-2 .... D. Nicholls
3 (9) 0 BOSTON LAD R. Woodhouse 4-9-2 S. Keightley
6 (8) CRUSHED ICE D. Dale 5-9-2 ... J. Scally (7)
8 (3) RIVER LUNE K. Stone 4-9-2 ... C. Dwyer
9 (12) 3/00-0 RUCKLEY P. Rohan 5-9-2 .... R. Fahey (7)
10 (10) SEASONAL-SONG A. Smith 4-9-2 S. Webster
11 (4) SHOOLER PRINCE F. Watson 8-9-2 .... D. Leadbitter (5)
12 (6) 20/ TOURNAMENT LEADER D. Marks 5-9-2 .... T. Ives
15 (7) WITCH BRANDY J. Rowlands 7-8-13 .... M. Beecroft
16 (11) 200-1 KHAELAN (D) S. Norton 3-8-4 ... J. Lowe
17 (1) 0-0 BOTHY D. Morley 3-8-0 ... W. Woods (5)
20 (2) 0- JOIST M. Prescott 3-8-0 .... G. Duffield
1984: Fen Tiger 3-7-9 W. Ryan 11-2 R. Hollinshead 11 ran.
Betting forecast: 1-2 Khaelan, 5 Balkash, 7 Tournament Leader, 10 Joist, 16 Ruckley.
TOP FORM TIPS: Khaelan 9, Balkash 7, Joist 6.

4 30—SOUTH CAVE HANDICAP: 3-Y-O; 5f; £1,379 (13 runners).
1 (10) 21- HI-HUNSLEY (D) C. Booth 9-7 .... S. Hodgson (7)
6 (8) 42103-0 BAY BAZAAR (D) (BF) M. W. Easterby 9-2 .... M. Hindley (5)
8 (1) 231300- ALE WATER (D) J. Berry 9-0 ... K. Darley
9 (5) 100-13 FOOLISH TOUCH (D) (BF) K. Stone 8-13 .... C. Dwyer
10 (4) 3000-21 LONDON LEADER (5lb ex) M. Brittain 8-12 .... B. Coogan
11 (9) 00001- MR LION F. Carr 8-11 ... J. Carr (7)
17 (11) 1130-04 ILLINEY GIRL (D) (BF) M. Lambert 8-5 .... D. Oldham
18 (7) 000-0 GLEN GLORY D. Chapman 8-3 .... M. Wood
19 (6) 0000- LAUGHING MATTER M. W. Easterby 8-3 .... K. Hodgson
21 (2) 00000- NAME THE GAME M. Camacho 7-12 J. Lowe
22 (12) 00300-0 DECISION MATE Ron Thompson 7-9 .... L. Charnock
24 (13) 0000-0 HOPEFUL KATIE D. Leslie 7-7 ... B. Crossley
27 (3) 020000- AILSA PEARL G. Harman 7-7 ... T. Quinn
1984: Split Aces 9-4 M. Miller 6-4 fav P. Brookshaw 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-4 London Leader, 3 Foolish Touch, 4 Illiney Girl, 5 Bay Bazaar, 10 Hi-Hunsley, 12 Mr Lion.
TOP FORM TIPS: London Leader 8, Bay Bazaar 7, Foolish Touch 6.

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Results

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2.0 (5f): 1, MOORGATE MAN, Pat Edery (6-4 fav); 2, Hotbee (20-1); 3, Teetsy (6-1). Also: 4 Merrymoles 4th, 13-2 Terebanth 6th, 10 Bermegra Girl, Miss Venezuela, 20 Double Chai (8 ran). 5l, sh hd, 1, 3, 2. (R. Boss). Tote £1.90; £1.00, £5.40, £2.30. Dual F: £34.70. CSF: £26.15. 1 min 9.92s.

2.30 (1¼m): 1, LOBKOWIEZ, W. Carson (13-2); 2, Bocada Lad (25-1); 3, Old Hubert (5-2). Also: 2 (fav) Floyd, 9 Moon Jester 6th, 11 Liberate, 14 Corinth 4th, 16 Nestor, Trapeze Artist, 20 Arbor Lane, Domineate, Western Dancer, 25 Catcher In The Rye, 33 Even Banker 5th. (14 ran). 8l, 1, 4, 2, 1. (C. Brittain). Tote: £5.30; £2.50, £15.80, £1.50. Dual F: £190.90. CSF: £148.63; Tricast: £483.12 2m 56.14s.

3.00 (6f): 1, ALAKH, Pat Eddery (100-30); 2, Fun Galore (4-1); 3, Bridge Street Lady (3-1 fav). Also: 6 Al Amead, 7 Rana Pratap, 11 Numismatist 5th, 20 Green Ruby 4th, 25 Golden Flame 6th, Rear Action, 66 Hawkins Tender (10 ran). Sh hd, 1l, 6, 2½, 2½ (J Tree). Tote: £3.60; £2.00, £1.10, £1.50. Dual F: £7.80. CSF: £16.13. Tricast: £39.60. 1m 23.70s.

3.30 (1m): 1, THAT'S YOUR LOT, S. Cauthen (evens fav); 2, Dee Baysh (9-4); 3, Summer King (3-1) 3 ran. 3l, 20 (H. Cecil). Tote: £1.40. Dual F: £1.80. CSF: £3 09. 2m 0.54s.

4.0 (1m 3f 30yds): 1, TANGOGNAT, K. Radcliffe (6-5 fav); 2, Ypsilantis (2-1); 3, Abou-Aziz (13-2). Also: 9 Bella Madona 5th 11 Presidential 4th (5 ran). 15l, 6, 8, 30 (R. Simpson). Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £1.70. Dual F: £2.50. CSF: £3.83. 2m 47.51sec.

4.30 (1¼m): 1, BLOODLESS COUP, D. McKay (6-1); 2, What a Line (12-1); 3, Marley Roofus (5-2 fav). Also: 3 Lace Bandanna 6th, 13-2 Dreyfus 4th, 8 Line of Gold 5th, 10 Ski Fantasy, 20 Captain Flashman (8 ran). 4l, 3, 3, 8, 10 (M. Usher). Tote: £6.20; £1.60, £2.70, £1.20. Dual F: £35.40. CSF: £62.01. 2m 26.10sec.

JACKPOT: £1,163.25.
Single winner Bonus Dividend NOT won (£6,894.00 carried forward to Ascot).
PLACEPOT: £7.40.

BEVERLEY

2.15 (5f): 1, RUSSELLS TOY, L. Charnock (2-1 fav); 2, Laugh a Lot (13-2); 3, Connaught Lad (20-1). Also: 3 Miss Magnolia 5th, 5 Anglian Home 4th, 8 Bonny Reef, 10 Warwick Wallies, 16 Tastable Wah-Hoo 6th, Edna-Ar, 20 Free Trade, Royalty Fair, 25 Bimini Ridge, Johns Business, For Baby. (14 ran). 3l, ½, 2l, hd, ½. (N. Tinkler). Tote: £2.90; £2.00, £1.90, £3.90. Dual F: £25.50. CSF: £18.69.

2.45 (5f): 1, CHAPLAINS CLUB, Paul Eddery (16-1); 2, Heelham (20-1); 3, Vee Bee (9-1); 4, Camps Heath (8-1). Also: 5-jt favs Lochtillum 6th, Eastbrook, 7 Lady Cara, 10 Gods Solution, 11 Fairgreen 5th, 12 Java Jive, 14 Spacemaker Boy, Split Aces, Spoilt For Choice, 20 Codgel, Pergoda, 25 Ridals Choice, 33 Star Kid. (17 ran). 3l, sh hd, 1½, 3 2 (D. Chapman). Tote: £15.30; £3.50, £4.50, £4.60, £2.30. Dual F: £163.20. CSF: £290.99. Tricast: £2,789.32.

3.15 (1m): 1, EL GALILEO, G. Duffield (6-1); 2, Pellincourt (7-2); 3, Aleyrevan (9-2). Also: 13-8 fav Paris Match 6th, 10 Fortune Finder 5th, 12 Jack's Island, 16 Cadenette 4th, Qualitair Lady, 20 Dipya Back, Musical Mystery, 25 Lochfast, 33 Stepped Seal, Tremar Lad, Cushy, It Happens, Just A Bit, Pinwiddie, Ruby James, Up She Goes. (19 ran). 4l, 3, sh hd, 1½, 1½. (F. Durr). Tote: £6.30; £1.30, £1.70, £4.80. Dual F: £14.40. CSF: £30.90.

3.45 (1¼m): 1, MR MUSIC MAN, S. Whitworth (11-4 jt-fav); 2, Airedale Travel (14-1); 3, Camden Lock (12-1); 4, Skyboat (14-1). Also: 11-4 jt-fav Sigel Venture, 9-2 Joedale, 11 Wildrush, 12 Donnysookercentre, Sea Reppin, 14 Masked Ball 6th, 16 Reside, 20 Legal Lad, 25 Black Falcon 5th, Boldera, His House, C B M Girl, Mangala's Pride, Helen's Choice. (18 ran). 1l, 4, 2½, hd, 3. (Mrs C. Reavey). Tote: £6.10; £1.60, £6.50, £2.90, £4.70. Dual F: £129.10. CSF: £46.36. Tricast: £400.88.

4.15 (7f): 1, DON RUNI, G. Duffield (10-1); 2, Tern (7-2 fav); 3, Collista (5-1). Also: 13-2 Mariners Dream, 7 Hard Line, 10 Bellagio, 12 Line of Fortune, Sporting Mariner 5th, 16 Lord Murphy, Romana, 20 Jocs, 25 Cool Strike, Nashood, Royetsky 6th, 33 Black Label, Hyperion Prince, Kirk Bridge, Lindrick Whitson, Jambellina, Sarah Gillian, Season's Delight 4th, Wongallilli, Dubavarna (23 ran). 1½l, 10, 3, 3, 6 (D. Morley). Tote: £12.90; £3.40, £2.50, £2.50. Dual F: £16.80. CSF: £46.44.

4.45 (5f): 1, LOW FLYER, M. Wood (14-1); 2, Farida Fair (8-1); 3, Stanarare (evens fav). Also: 4 Little Armier, 8 God's Isle 4th, 10 Music Teacher, Nippy Chippy Sharmeena, Skylin, Kimble Blue 5th, 12 Starphelia, 14 Ernie's Brother 6th, 20 Imperial Sunrise, Jimmy's Secret, Poloerer, Jersey Maid, Won Chin, Toros Ocean (18 ran). 1l, ½, nk, 7, ¾ (B. Oldroyd). Tote: £38.00; £7.00, £2.50, £1.60. Dual F: £. 97.90. CSF: £150.45.

PLACEPOT: £136.70.

KELSO

2.0 (2m hdle): 1, BRILLIANT FELLOW, D. Nolan (7-2); 2, Golden Pauper (5-2 fav); 3, Golden Lane (7-1). 9 ran (P. Monteith). Tote: £4.70; £1.80, £1.10, £1.80. Dual F: £2.70. CSF: £11.69.

2.30 (2m 6f ch): 1, MISS MAYO, S. Charlton (2-1 fav); 2, On Leave (7-2); 3, Rubesco (7-1). 9 ran (C. Parker). Tote: £2.70; £1.30, £1.50, £1.70. Dual F: £4.10. CSF: £8.20. NR: Super Tony.

3.0: 1, JOE'S FANCY, G. W. Gray (3-1 jt fav); 2, Always Lingue (3-1 jt fav); 3, Carrielek (4-1). 7 ran (P. Liddle). Tote: £3.60; £2.00, £1.80. Dual F: £5.30. CSF: £11.88.

3.30 (2½m Hdle): 1, THE BUILDER, T. G. Dun (5-2); 2, Silken Turn (6-4 fav); 3, Bounty's Clever (50-1). (13 ran). (Mrs G. Reveley). Tote: £2.70; £1.70, £1.10, £11.40. Dual F: £2.60. CSF: £7.87. NR: Stradbally More.

4.0 (3m Ch): 1, MISS COLONNETTE, Mr R. Drysdale (12-1); 2, Shining Bann (25-1); 3, Merry Hatton (10-1). Rabiaski 8-13 fav fav. (Mrs C. Braithwaite). Tote: £17.40; £4.00, £5.40, £4.80. Dual F: £144.20. CSF: £259.92.

4.30 (2m 196yds Ch): 1, THE DIVIDER, T. G. Dun (5-2 jt-fav); 2, Sunset Cristo (11-1); 3, Straight Down (11-2). Press Gang 5-2 jt-fav. (8 ran). (Mrs T. Calder). Tote: £2.90; £1.90, £4.50, £1.30; Dual F: £77.40. CSF: £24.76.

5.0 (2m Hdle): 1, TALEOS, P. A. Charlton (4-5 fav); 2, Half Asleep (7-2); 3, Squires Gold (7-1). (9 ran). (A. Scott). Tote: £1.90; £1.00, £1.90, £2.00. Dual F: £2.20. CSF: £4.62.

PLACEPOT: £126.20.

CHESS

Leonard Barden

NEW chess magazines in Britain start with a serious handicap: the public still recalls the truncated lives of International Chess and Chess Express which ceased after a few issues. But New in Chess, printed in the Netherlands and backed by the major Dutch scientific publishers Elsevier, is a continuation of the long established periodical Schaakbulletin.

New in Chess offers a free specimen copy of its first 1985 issue which includes an excellent round-by-round report of the Salonica olympics where England won silver medals. It's by far the most detailed review in English of this event and contains numerous photos and fully commentated games.

An introductory subscription to New in Chess (four issues) costs £7.50. The quality is exceptional and any average-to-strong player will find plenty of valuable material. Its address is Interventura bv, Postbox 1807, 1200 BV Hilversum, Netherlands. Timman and Keene are among the editors, and each issue contains articles on chess theory. One such in the specimen issue is in the form of a discussion with the German master S. Buecker who has pioneered the variation 1 P-Q4 P-QB4 2 P-Q5 N-KB3 3 P-QB4 N-K5!?

It looks strange, moving the knight twice so early, but it makes sense after the natural follow-up 4 Q-B2 Q-R4 ch 5 QN-Q2 N-Q3 when Black plans P-KN3, B-N2, O-O and P-QN4, effectively a Benko Gambit without a pawn sacrifice. If White pushes P-K4-5, then the knight reaches Q5 via KB4.

Buecker, with a FIDE rating 2400 equal to 225 British grade, is no romantic dilettante and repeatedly tests his ideas in strong international opens. Another of his original concepts is the sequence 1 P-K4 N-KB3 2 P-K5 N-K5!? 3 P-Q3 N-B4 4 P-Q4 N-K3. He has given this the splendid name of The Mokele Mbembe, derived from a mysterious creature that is said to roam the African jungle but has only been identified, like the Yeti, via its footprints.

The elusive nature of the MM is reflected in the knight's erratic route after 5 B-K3 P-Q3 6 N-KB3 P-KN3 7 P-Q5 N-N2 to its KB4 destination. Buecker also considers 5 P-Q5 N-B4 6 P-QN4 N-R5 7 P-QB4 P-QN4 8 PxP, points out that White is six tempi and a pawn up, and asks "Who stands better?" Black's N-N3 with B-N2 and P-K3 will soon open up gaps in the white pawn front.

Another essay from New in Chess is analysis of the currently fashionable variation of the Grunfeld Defence: 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-KN3 3 N-QB3 P-Q4 4 N-B3 B-N2 5 PxP NxP 6 P-K4 NxN 7 PxN P-QB4 8 R-QN1 O-O. The opening was analysed here a few weeks ago with the then standard assessment of a white advantage following 9 B-K2 N-B3 10 P-Q5 N-K4 11 NxN BxN 12 Q-Q2 P-K3 13 P-KB4 B-N2 14 P-B4 PxP 15 BPxP. NiC focuses on the move 15 . . . B-Q5! introduced by Jansa at Gausdal 1984 and also tested in the olympics.

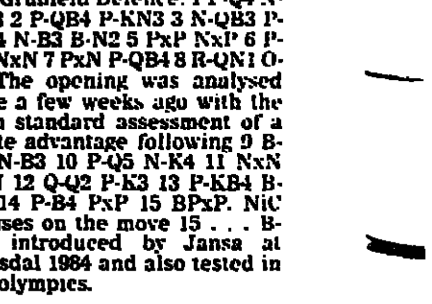
In the olympics game, White had a prepared reply 16 R-N4?! which Black easily refuted at the board by 16 . . . R-K1 17 RxB PxR 18 QxP Q-N3! winning on material. More critical is 16 B-N2 Q-R5 ch 17 P-N3 Q-K2.

Now 18 B-Q3? is countered by BxB 19 RxB P-B5! 20 B-N1 Q-B4 when Black has mobilised his 3-1 pawn majority. The Gausdal games went 18 P-K5 B-B4 19 R-QB1 Q-Q1! (not B-K5? 20 BxB BxR 21 BxP) 20 B-KB3 BxB 21 QxB Q-N3 22 QxQ? when White has to fight for an endgame draw.

Newly published Informator 38 gives the novelty 22 Q-N3 KR-B1 23 P-KN4! as good for White in Gurevic-Ehlvest, Sverdlovsk 1984. But Black could try 22 . . . Q-R4 ch 23 Q-B3 Q-R3! keeping counter-chances.

Grunfeld Defence players can also take heart from recent games of the Israeli master Lev Gutman, whose successful concept against the modish 8 R-QN1 is 8 . . . P-QR3 (stopping QN5 tactics), then Q-R4 ch xRP.

No. 1,851



White mates in two moves, against any defence (by M. Stosich). This puzzle proved a stiff test for competitors in one of the annual world solving championships. The board is crowded, but the essential challenge is clear: White has to find the right way to undermine the central pawn barrier guarding the black king.

Solution No. 1850: White K at QN5, Q at Q1, R at K7, Ns at K1 and KN4, B at KN2, Ps at K4, K2, KB3 and KR3. Black K at KN8, Ps at QN2, K4, K6, KB5, KN3 and KR5. Mate in four 1 Q-Q8 P-N4 2 R-Q7 P-N3 3 R-Q2 PxR 4 QxQNP mate.

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DIARY

A STRIKING feature of this week's Conservative Party Political Broadcast was the sight of two dear old ladies travelling on a shiny new coach while telling the cameras how wonderful the local rural — and privatised — bus service was. Cut to shot of bus stopping in the middle of tiny village to let old dears off; obliging cuddly bus driver *even gets out* of his seat and carries old-dears' shopping down steps.

Who are the stars of the show? Don't be bashful now. Step forward Mrs Gwen Ball, treasurer of the Leominster Conservative Party and her friend, Mrs Betty Nutt, a party member for 30 years. They both volunteered, says Mrs Ball, after the local agent had been asked by the film-makers to find two old ladies. The featured bus, *which runs between Leominster* and Shobdon is not a bus 69-year-old Mrs Ball ever uses, though she does sometimes use a bus to Hereford. And Mrs Nutt? "Oh, she never uses a bus because her husband's got a car,?" confides Mrs Ball.

A BRITISH Rail "Freedom of Scotland" poster depicts an idyllic Scottish scene, inviting travellers to "go where you like, when you like." A mole identifies the scene as part of the British Underwater Weapons Research Establishment — there is, indeed, a navy torpedo trials base in the area, the Kyle of Lochalsh. A somewhat sensitive piece of territory and one in which the general public might not travel quite as freely as it might otherwise do. "It is a navy pier in the picture, but I wouldn't know what happens there." confirmed a BR spokesman.

POLICE Review got into trouble recently for publishing an editorial calling for the legalisation of cannabis. Those who have not hitherto appreciated the perils of the drug should read a reply in this week's letters column from a Leatherhead policewoman pointing out that cannabis is a "deadly substance." This is on account of various African civilisations being annihilated because the drug robbed them of their strength and moral fibre. "A similar purpose," *speculates the writer, "could* be behind the trafficking of cannabis to European states, particularly to our country. There is more than one way of exterminating a nation." There now, Police Review *should* be ashamed of itself.

EVER topical in his wit, Mr Dennis Skinner has taken to referring to the Prime Minister as Madam Suharto.

BRENT East politics do not grow any simpler. The latest twist takes the form of a Stop Ken leafleting campaign aimed at members of the General Management Committee. "When Reg Freeson described Ken Livingstone as a left-wing opportunist many of us agreed," runs the *sheet. "We felt however* that Brent East would be able to keep him under some kind of control. This has proved to be an illusion. If we are serious about accountability it is necessary that we reject Livingstone as a candidate in Brent East."

The anonymous attack, which is thought to originate from the Trotskyist Socialist Organiser-dominated Carlton Branch of the party, derives from Ken's behaviour over the GLC rate-capping vote. It acknowledges that it is too late to find an alternative candidate before selection at the end of the month, but urges the committee to vote against having any kind of selection at all in order further to discuss Ken's qualities.

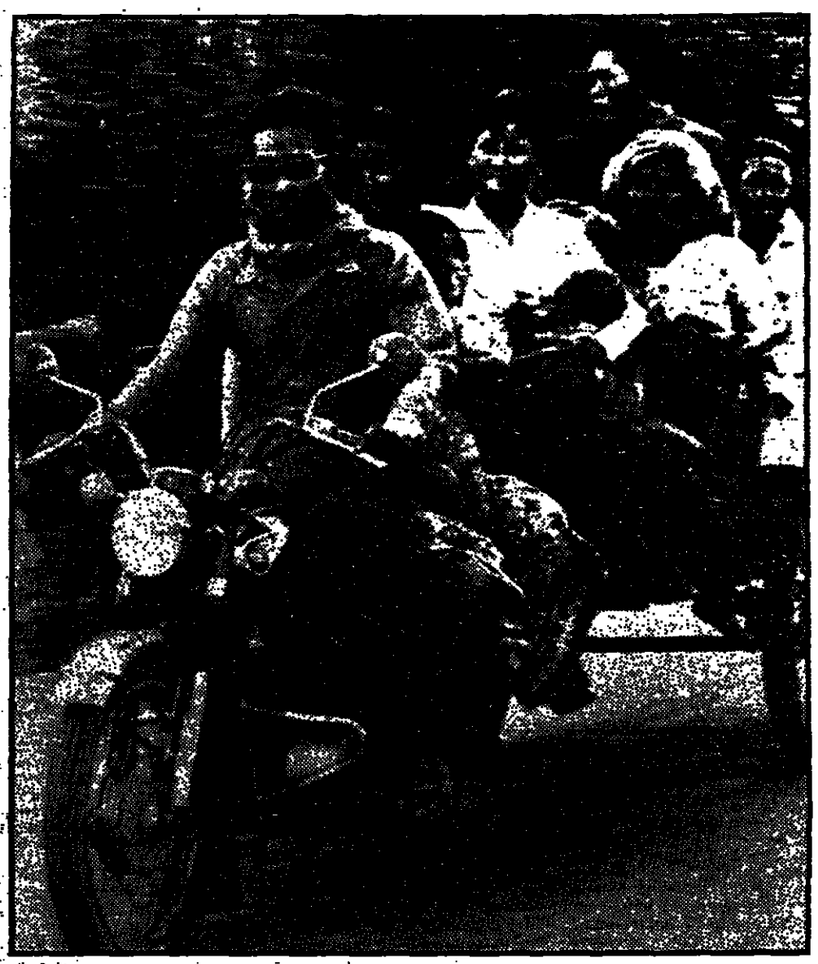
"When someone sells out a struggle the usual procedure is to at least censure them and if possible remove them from office. It is a strange kind of control which involves promotion to the higher office of MP." The leaflet ends up describing Ken as an "able and dangerous opportunist who could throw back the socialist direction of our party for many years." Ken must be beginning to know how Neil Kinnock feels *sometimes*.

THE Dyfed and Powys police got through the most difficult year in their history without a single complaint against them by a miner. Why so? The Chief Constable, Mr R. B. Thomas, says in his annual report it is partly because of the relationships between Welsh-speaking miners and Welsh-speaking police. Almost Newmanesque. There must be a PhD thesis there somewhere.

Alan Rusbridger



A decade after their triumph in Phnom Penh, the Khmer Rouge's hold has been broken but the fighting goes on (above) : a motorcycle caravan carries fleeing refugees (right) ; a grisly testament to a regime (below) — pictures by Camera Press



It is ten years since Phnom Penh fell. Someth May looks back

Memoir of a survivor from Year Zero



THE HILL from which Phnom Penh gets its name is a rocky outcrop with a temple on top. The boulevards and parks around Wat Phnom were a favourite spot for fortune tellers. Young couples would seek out these wise men to ask what they should do to get on well together. The fortune tellers would first ask their dates of birth, then tell them to burn incense sticks and pray silently for what they wanted to know.

The crowds around the hill formed into groups of girls and boys and they would enjoy singing contests in which insults and compliments were passed from group to group. They made up the words, using any tune that *came to their heads.*

There were riddles too. A girl would challenge: "Tell me, what is there between your navel and the top of your legs?" As the boy went pink she would give the answer: "Your belt."

There was also a game played blindfold, in which you were obliged to take *three swipes in the direction* of a hanging clay jar. If your stick broke the jar, dark red liquid would pour *all over your clothes.*

Even before the war it was unsafe to travel through the countryside during the night, because of the gangs of robbers, and so, as often as not, we would set out early the next morning to go to our little ten-hectare estate near Kompong Som. We had an old Land-Rover. My parents and the youngest child would sit in the front. My sisters, my little brothers and myself sat facing each *other on two little benches* in the back.

We were always excited to get out of Phnom Penh, and it was our custom to stop in the first bit of countryside you come to after the airport, at the junction of routes three and four. Over a breakfast of noodle soup, my sisters would ask which road we were going to take. The quickest way was route four. But our favourite was route three, since it passed so many beautiful villages and rice fields.

But the first major point of interest was Prasath Neang Khmao, the Temple of the Black Lady. This was a 14th-century construction, dedicated to the memory of a woman of mysterious powers. She was in love with the king. Every night she would appear to him to warn *him* of any plot against the throne, and everyone she accused, even the king's own relatives, would be executed the next day.

On the outside of the *temple there were bas-reliefs* of battle scenes in which the Cambodians were engaged against the Thais or the Chams, our traditional enemies. Inside, the atmosphere was heavy with candle smoke, incense and the smell of the flowers which the sightseers left as offerings to the ancient statue of the Buddha. We said our prayers, left our offerings and then wandered around the grounds.

On March 18, 1970, the Sihanouk regime was overthrown and Cambodia very quickly became involved in war. We had already given up our trips to the countryside, because reports in local newspapers made it clear that the roads were unsafe by day and night. My father was optimistic about the Lon Nol regime, particularly as it included the figure he most admired, Son Ngoc *Thanh.*

Like Thanh, we were ethnic Cambodians from South Vietnam. My father worked as a doctor in the military hospital, and my mother was a secretary in the Ministry of Information. For New Year 1970, we spent the usual day at the pagoda, followed by parties, visits to *friends, trips to the cinema* and the traditional celebrations around Wat Phnom.

In the following years, my parents spent more and more of each Buddhist New Year at the pagoda, while I, as a student, became more and more indepedent. I would take my little Honda and go round town with my friends *for a series of parties.* But by April 1975 there was nothing to celebrate. The city was surrounded by the *Khmer Rouge. Everywhere* was within range of their rockets, and my father began building up supplies of dried foods in the house, because it was unsafe to go to the market. My brother-in-law had had a desk job in the Lon Nol army, and now my father began to tell him to get rid of any military paraphernalia from the house — the rifles and pistols that he proudly took to work, and which he never used.

I was 18 at the time, a medical student hoping to follow in my father's footsteps. I had a part-time job waiting on foreign and Cambodian journalists at an open-air cafe called, importantly, the Groaning Table Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge. On April 12, we hardly saw the foreigners at breakfast time. They were all rushing off to the American Embassy for the helicopter evacuation. We had given generous, if inaccurate, credit, and most of them forgot to pay their bills. After they left, a rocket landed in the house next door, and the upper wall collapsed outwards.

That was my last day at the Groaning Table. I went home and stayed at home for the New Year, which came the next day. I had been listening in secret to the Khmer Rouge Radio, and I thought that when they came in a few leaders would be executed but that the majority of the population would be all right. However, many of the journalists had reported atrocities by the Khmer Rouge, and when I *thought of the way the Lon* Nol soldiers had treated their prisoners, the chances of a bloodbath did seem to be strong. Friends of my father who visited the house were pessimistic, but my father did not believe them. He knew how low the morale in the Lon Nol army was, and he thought that the soldiers would simply give up fighting, and that everything would be all right. Or at least that is what he said.

At about seven o'clock on the morning of the 15th, General Dien Del, a friend of my father, arrived at our house and asked to see my father alone in his room. They talked for 15 minutes, then the General came out, said a hurried goodbye to us and left by jeep with his personal bodyguard. My father was very gloomy and restless. He was very much alone in his thoughts because my mother had left a month before, saying that she was going to America for her work. There were 15 people in our family. Although I did not then know it, my father had just refused an opportunity to go *with Dien Del on his* helicopter.

The following day, the rocketing was such that we could not go out. My father sat in his room listening to the prayers broadcast over the radio. My sisters and I listened to tapes on our Philips machine. My little brothers were involved in a bet*ting-game which involved* throwing rubber bands into squares marked on the floor.

On April 17, slightly delayed we finally — and for the first time in five years — made our traditional trip to the country. That morning my father switched on the radio, but there was only martial music. The streets were silent in the early morning. Nobody left their houses.

At eight o'clock we heard *shelling and gunfire* from the south-east of the city. My father said nothing. He was watching my sisters playing tapes, apparently unconcerned. Later, the gunfire ceased abruptly and the radio went dead. We saw soldiers in shorts, stripped of their uniforms, rushing past the house. The Republic had collapsed.

When the Khmer Rouge came about an hour later, I went out and stood at the gate. People were cheering and waving their improvised white flags. The Khmer *Rouge looked severe and* their guns were at the ready. Many of them were younger than me. They would ask if anybody knew the whereabouts of the Republican officers, and if people said yes they would be told to accompany the troops. They were looking above all for the Seven Traitors, against whom all their propaganda had been directed.

Two jeeps came along, the first with a mounted machine gun. *Children of the* district were running along cheering and laughing. Somebody from the first jeep called through a megaphone to tell everyone to bring any weapons they had and put them in the second jeep. My neighbours came out and did so. Just as a new group of Khmer Rouge were arriving, my father called me back into the house. The Khmer Rouge followed me, asked for the head of the family, and questioned my father as to whether any of us was in the military. My father by now seemed to have recovered himself: he was calm, and answered all their inquiries with a firm denial.

The man who did all the questioning told us we must leave the city at once. The Americans were going to bomb it. We were to pack up emergency supplies for a few days — but not too much. The evacuation would only be for a short while, and then we would be allowed back. There were other reasons for clearing the city — to find the remaining enemies and to round up the chief traitors, In Tam, Long *Boreth, Sirik Matak, Cheng* Heng and Lon Nol (who had in fact left months before).

We dithered for a while. My brother-in-law, who seemed to sense no danger to himself, suggested to me that he and I stay on to guard the property while the others went. I approached my father on this point and *he told me not to be such a* fool: we had already been told that if we stayed on in the city we would be "responsible for our own safety." By mid-afternoon we were loading up the Land Rover.

It was as if my father had done all the planning that my mother used to do. He had got together plenty of rice, dried fish, salt, tinned food, containers of water, a spare can of petrol, blankets, mosquito nets, tarpaulins, *pots and pans,* plates and spoons. My sisters put the clothes in and Gisopha took the Phillips tape-recorder. I put in my diaries and my favourite books: Orwell's Animal Farm, Eric Williams's The Wooden Horse, Daphne du Maurier's Rebecca, a French textbook called Mauger and an English grammer. My father seemed to take nothing.

We set out on exactly the same route as we would have taken all those years ago, among crowds of people who were shouting out, trying not *to lose contact with their* families. My father drove very slowly with the children in the car. The adults walked alongside through the heat of the day. We passed the mutiliated bodies of soldiers, and families who had been shot for refusing to leave their houses. After four hours we had covered about two kilometres. This was the first checkpoint, and very frightening. They took some medicines, my watch and the tape-recorder.

On the second day we reached Pochentong market, and waited with the milling crowd to see what would happen next. On the third day we were forced to move on. We got as far as the soup shop where routes three and four divide — our *favourite breakfast stop.* Here my father and all of us buried our identification cards. Route four was blocked. People were already leaving their cars by the roadside, having run out of petrol. We pushed on, after a couple of days' wait—we still had a faint hope that we might be allowed back to Phnom Penh.

It was on route three that I realised we were going to the country for ever. It was here too that I saw a man confess to having been a doctor. He was taken off, and the next day, as I was looking for water, I found his corpse. After about two weeks, during much of which we had been pushing the Land-Rover, for lack of petrol, we decided to abandon the vehicle *altogether.* We had been thoroughly checked about ten times, but no military material had been found. Others were less fortunate. They were taken off over the fields, out of sight, and we would hear gunshots.

All in all, it took us about a month and a half, instead of an hour and a half, to get to Prasath Neang Khmao, the Temple of the Black Lady. By now supplies were running short and people were stealing from each other. When fights broke out among the evacuees, both sides were taken away by *the Khmer Rouge.* The old people were already dying along the way, in a dry, devastated landscape which had once been so green and delightful. When we had first set off, some people had seemed quite cheerful, but now nobody was.

The Temple of the Black Lady had become the first registration office for the evacuees. The carvings on the outside wall had been badly damaged by the war. Inside, the big statue was still in place, but all the others had been stacked around the walls. Armed men in neat black uniforms watched us constantly as we placed our belongings at one end of the room. Two soldiers sat at a small wooden table and we were told to sit on the floor in front of *them. My father said* to the interrogators that we were farmers. somebody at the other end of the room tipped out my books and shouted: "What are these? What are they all about?" A soldier picked up The Wooden Horse and pretended to read it very carefully. He was holding it upside down. I looked at my father and saw that he was stuck for words.

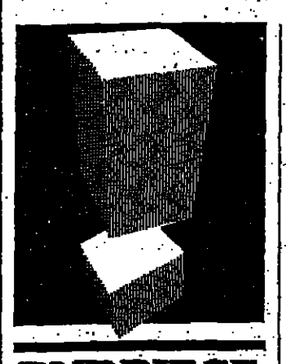
"Those books belong to me, comrades," I said, "I picked them up on the road. I thought they would be good for rolling tobacco."

"Well," said the soldier reading Eric Williams, "there are plenty of banana leaves where you're going. *You don't need this junk."* And he took The Wooden Horse and threw it into the corner of the temple, on to a huge pile of photographs and money.

This was as far as we went on the road to our old estate. After that, we were allocated to villages and labour camps. My father sur*vived about ten weeks before* he was taken, tortured and killed. The younger members of my family died of disease and malnutrition in due course. Somaly, the great farm manager, and her husband couldn't cope with the farming. They were put with other sick people into a field and shelled. Another sister, *Mealea, criticised the* regime and suffered the consequences. Of the 15 family members who set out, four of use escaped to Thailand. My father had left me in charge of the family. In order to survive, I became a liar, a thief, a smuggler, a refugee and a stateless person.

The Khmer Rouge abol*ished the New Year* in favour of the Glorious Seventeenth of April, and it has been a long time since I have thought about those traditional celebrations and the fun we had. The blindfolded man took three swipes at the clay jar above his head. If the jar broke, his clothes were drenched with red liquid. The Khmer Rouge took three swipes at Phnom Penh. The city broke, and all our blood spilled out over the land.

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ENDPIECE

Roy Hattersley

I STAYED up late on Easter Sunday watching All About Eve flickering away in faded black and white on Channel Four. Had I not seen the film before, I doubt if my concentration would have survived the commercial break. But I watched it for a second time — after a gap of 35 years — with the hairs on the back of my hands standing up as a mark of respect for the dead innocence of evenings spent in the Hillsborough Park Cinema, Phoenix, Capitol, Union Street and Essoldo, Sheffield Lane Top.

They were not evenings spent in mindless amusement. Certainly, I enjoyed myself. But I enjoyed myself to some purpose. My mission, in the one-and-nines, was to learn the secrets of sophistication which would one day ease my path into bright, brittle, brilliant society. At the City Grammar School they seemed to worry only about Milton and Thackeray. I worried about them too. But to make the most of my literary talent I needed advice on the length of hair, width of trouser, thickness of sole and vulgarity of tie worn by *the international* smart set. I had no doubt that Hollywood could teach me.

It was from All About Eve that I learned that genuine intellectuals (like playwrights and stage directors) wear pullovers, tweed jackets and bow-ties, whilst phoneys (like weekly columnists) affect three-piece suits and signet rings. However, it was — as you would expect — the weekly columnist who produced the memorable *lines.* George Sanders (alias Addison De Witt, the cynical New York drama critic) sat on the stairs next to the young Marilyn Monroe and totally blinded my friends and me to her bland pulchritude.

It was De Witt's repartee, not his companion, which we envied. "You have a point," Michael Beeley would say to me as I offered a comment on Paradise Lost or Vanity Fair — "*a ridiculous point,* but a point nevertheless."

I do not want you to imagine that we young men of the lower sixth passed our school days insulated from the vicarious titillation of *celluloid sex.* In *All About* Eve, Bette Davis — despite the dashing swish of her New Look skirts — left us unmoved. For she played the part of fading star, Margo Channing, who must have been well into her thirties and was, therefore, too decrepit to attract respectable attention. Anne Baxter as the ambitious understudy, Eve Harrington, seemed one of us. Indeed, there was a girl just like her in 5b who *refused point blank to have* anything to do with me. Time is a great healer. Last Sunday night I could not remember her name.

But even before I saw All About Eve a second time, *the lessons which it taught* me were at the front of my mind. Its central message was clear. Smart and sophisticated people drink a great deal and shout at each other a lot. On the evidence of the *film they do not shout any*thing very smart or sophisticated. Indeed, during our third form primitive period Michael Beeley and I had regularly produced sallies of comparable wit. "Tell us *news not history"* we would crushingly insist, and "Who's she when she's washed?" we would demand with a superior sneer.

But smart and sophisticated people seemed to be able to abuse each other — at least upon the silver-plated screen — with a conviction which we could neither feel nor counterfeit. So we just copied the words and mannerisms. "Fasten your seat belts" I would snarl, "we're in for a bumpy night," unmoved by the knowledge that it was four o'clock in the afternoon. I suppose that I knew about seat belts, though the only aeroplanes which I had ever *seen had tried to drop bombs* on us. But there were whole passages in the film concerning Celeste Holme's education at Radcliffe and the favourite restaurants of New York theatrical society which *must have been as compre*hensible as passages of dialogue in Polish.

The Polish dialogue came two years later at the University Film Society. But there, at least, I had the good grace to feel embarrassed by my preposterous pretensions. During my Hollywood days, waiting for some of its glitter to be polished off on to me seemed as solemn a duty as rubbing linseed oil into my bat and *only writing in the margin* of the Warwick Hamlet with a pencil so that it could be rubbed out in July and next year's student would not be confused by my misinterpretation of the Notes *and Glossary. The enchant*ment was total. When I was doing School Certificate Art, I saw Robert Mitcham as the struggling painter in The Lockett. For weeks, instead of buckling the belt of my *blue gaberdine raincoat,* I tied it in a knot.

I flatter myself that I survived the period without any major psychological or social injuries. There were moments of great conflict with *my family.* Indeed, I briefly believed that my relationship with my father would not recover from my stated (though unfulfilled) intention of going to the Wadsley Church Youth Club wearing cricket flannels and knotted handkerchief in open imitation of Gene Kelly in American In Paris.

But that phase, like all other phases passed. And what desire I ever had to be an unsuccessful painter has *now completely* disappeared. It was all what my mother would call "a phase" and miraculously I escaped its one habit-forming aspect.

I noticed last Sunday evening that, circa 1951, intellectuals — as well as drinking a great deal and shouting a lot — smoked almost all the time. How, I wondered, did I escape an addiction more terrible than drinking and shouting. It worried me for almost 48 hours. And then, on Easter Tuesday, as I sat nervously waiting for the late night news I remembered the answer. There was an Owl, not an angel, on my shoulder. I had no intention of losing my chance of playing for Sheffield Wednesday by sacrificing my wind — just to prove that I was smart and willing and entitled to wear a pullover and bow tie. We beat Manchester United last week and as I heard the result I realised how admirable my teenage *standard of values* had been.



David Hemery and Bob Scott at the Coliseum, home of the Los Angeles Raiders

Three weeks in the Dorchester, a couple of nights at the Royal Opera House, a banquet at Buckingham Palace and a reception at Windsor — these are the major factors that will lure the 1992 Olympic Games to London. Or so it is said. Throw in Wembley Stadium — or more persuasively perhaps, an exceedingly distant photograph of the stadium — and maybe a Saturday afternoon or two at Stamford Bridge, and it's a foregone conclusion. . . . Meanwhile, the Manchester bid for the 1992 Games becomes more realistic week by week. Bob Scott, who is leading the Manchester initiative, describes how they've signed up the international firm of accountants who were so successful in running the Los Angeles Games; and the visit a Manchester delegation has already made to Los Angeles to examine in detail how they did it.

How the Olympics were a disaster for Disneyland — and are moving steadily towards Manchester

TWELVE MILLION people within an hour's drive of the city centre; a capitalist stronghold, administered by a left wing city council; one city in the middle of a line of cities in a 70-mile stretch, separated by wild country and joined by splendid freeways; the sporting capital of the nation; a city plagued by provincial doubts and forever contesting the unfair advantages grabbed by the capital city at the other end of the country. You may recognise Manchester from the description. It is also a precise description of Los Angeles.

After four hectic days in LA I am certain that Manchester would be as ideal a host city to the Olympic Games in 1992 as Los Angeles was in 1984. In an article here a month ago, I said that Los Angeles was Manchester's inspiration. Going to Los Angeles was obviously the immediate aim. The problem was, whom to make contact with?

Almost casually, I discovered the key, the international firm of accountants, Arthur Young, who have a considerable presence in Manchester and whose Los Angeles office were effectively the business managers of the Los Angeles games. One phone call revealed that the secrets of the organisation of the 1984 games were held in the Arthur Young office on the 25th floor of the Atlantic Richfield Building in downtown Los Angeles. Two meetings with Arthur Young in Manchester secured exclusive assistance in supporting the Manchester bid and opening up the Los Angeles treasure house.

Three days later, three Arthur Young partners, David Hemery, the Mexico City gold medallist, and I were on our way to Los Angeles. There was an immediate irritation. We all had to fly to Heathrow to start our journey. Admittedly, the Heathrow chaos was a forcible reminder of the problems London will enjoy if they attempt to host the games, but it felt a bad omen.

We arrived at 4 pm local time, midnight our time, and went straight into our initial briefing with our host for the visit, Michael Mount, senior consulting partner for Arthur Young in Los Angeles, who had been vice-president for Support Operations for the Los Angeles Olympic Organising Committee. Our second day was spent meeting various vice-presidents of the organising committee itself, hearing about the problems in organising facilities, the unbelievable technological infrastructure, transportation, the handling of the 10,000 accredited press, security, and financial control. We sat in the same office for nine hours meeting one of the most impressive groups of people I have ever encountered.

The discoveries were awesome, but thrilling. The overwhelming sense was that a slumbering summer city like Manchester would be able to cope, whereas a filled-to-bursting tourist centre like London would not, or at least would suffer grievously from the superimposition of the numbers involved over and above the normal tourism.

The figures were mind boggling. There were 75,000 people involved in the Los Angeles games. The costs were 460 million dollars, the vast majority of which was spent in the year leading up to the Games. Twenty, or was it 25, million dollars was spent on food. Twenty thousand security personnel were involved. Seven million tickets were for sale. The likely profit was 240 million dollars.

The third day started with breakfast with the splendidly named attorney, John Argue, chairman of the Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games, the body that made the bid to bring the games to Los Angeles, as opposed to the organising committee which ran them. Los Angeles had bid for the games every year since 1948. They were clear favourites for the 1976 games, which finally went to Montreal as a compromise between the superpower battle between Los Angeles and Moscow. Los Angeles's position in 1977, it seemed to me, was exactly that of Manchester's in 1985.

It was in 1977 that the United States Olympic Committee had to decide which of five competing American cities — Atlanta, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York — would be the American bidding city. The choice narrowed down to a head-to-head battle between New York and Los Angeles, as may well happen in Britain in 1985 between London and Manchester. Los Angeles was up against east coast bias and New York muscle. As John Argue said, "It was the toughest battle we ever had." They won by a 9:8 vote. Getting the 1984 games was simple in comparison with getting the American nomination.

The rest of the third day was taken up with visiting stadia and facilities. The one huge advantage Los Angeles has over Manchester is the Coliseum, the magnificent home of the LA Raiders; but they had no village, only moderately relevant indoor stadia, enormous transportation and security problems and a local authority and federal government that were implacably opposed to any financial underwriting.

They also had the colossal advantage of being effectively the only bidding city by the time the award had to be made in the summer of 1978. By then, Teheran had had something of a change of management and had withdrawn. The rest is history. They changed the rules, they dictated terms, they refused to build anything that was not strictly necessary, and they succeeded despite the eastern block boycott.

The fourth morning was spent assembling the pounds of paper we had accumulated, and following up the almost endless stream of questions that sprang from our meetings and visits. The most interesting lessons came from the unexpected problems that arose. Ordinary tourism in Los Angeles simply dried up during the games. The games were a disaster for Disneyland, and there wasn't a hotel in the city you could not walk into and book a room for the night during any day of the games. Indeed, the organising committee had to face a bill of 6 million dollars at the end of the games for hotel rooms they had reserved, then released, but which were not taken up.

We have assumed all along that the shortage of first class hotels in Manchester would be a profound problem. We do not take that view now. How did Los Angeles cope with all the international visitors? The answer is that there were very few, and although attendances at the events were packed out, it was the locals who went — again, a point fiercely in the favour of Manchester with its colossal catchment area and its sports mad audiences.

Perhaps the best moment of the visit was when a delegation from the Amsterdam Bid Committee phoned through to seek meetings with Arthur Young. "Sorry," they were told, "we are talking only to Manchester".

We returned convinced that Manchester is the ideal venue for the British games, perfectly situated in the middle of the country, served by an international gateway airport, with the best infrastructure of road and rail access links. With great difficulty Los Angeles took on New York and won. We are rolling up our sleeves. We too believe we will win.

The socialist playwright fell for the infinitely mysterious men in grey flannels and green jackets and came up with Wetherby. This may be an excellent film, but could it really have originated in a Yorkshire pub, asks Albert Hunt.

Hare's nest



David Hare

SOCIALIST PLAYWRIGHT and film maker David Hare described in the Guardian interview how he arrived at the theme of his prizewinning movie, Wetherby. He sat in pubs and wine bars in Yorkshire, he said, and watched men in grey flannels and green jackets and women in two-piece suits who were "infinitely more mysterious" than the "exotic creatures" he knew in London.

Most films, he said, showed such people as "rather limited in their intelligence, desires, and imagination", and dismissed them as "bourgeois souls". His film claimed that they were "as full of passion and feeling as opera singers". It was meant to be about "what it's like to live in England now for a lot of people".

I live in Yorkshire myself, I happen to be trying to record on video "what it's like to live in England now", and I like to spend part of Saturday or Sunday lunch-time in a country pub just outside Halifax. I go there, not because I'm looking for material for a film, but because I like the place and the beer — it's a local Keighley brew — and because I like listening to the talk. I found myself wondering how David Hare would see us all. Would we be "infinitely mysterious" or simply "bourgeois souls"?

Hare said he wanted to write about the "romance and mystery" of small town middle class life. I don't suppose Halifax would qualify as a small, middle class town. But although the pub's only four or five miles from Halifax centre, it's in a valley so isolated that it could well be in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales. Unless you're a dedicated hiker, you need a car to get there, which means that the regulars have to be tolerably well off. Some of them seem to be very well off indeed: I once heard a man say, "I like a Mercedes, but personally I wouldn't spend more than fifteen grand on a car." Later he said, "Let's face it — a Volvo's an estate car". He said it with the air of a film maker dismissing someone as a bourgeois soul.

The man who liked a Mercedes wasn't wearing grey flannels and a green jacket. He was wearing a V-shaped pullover and an open necked shirt. You don't see many green jackets at the pub, and you don't see many two piece suits either. But there are a lot of expensive looking sweaters about. And there are several young men who wear jeans.

Their wives wear jeans too, and often they have very young children with them. The wives all sit in a corner beneath a row of plates commemorating local chapel anniversaries, and show off their babies to each other. I suppose the babies are a product of passion and feeling, but I don't know what business that is of mine — or of David Hare's.

I like listening to the talk in the pub because I'm interested in the stories people tell, and I like the way they use words. The day I read the David Hare interview, an old man was talking about his brother. The old man was wearing a deerstalker hat and a blazer with a resplendent badge. His brother had been a professional footballer who also played rugby union (infinitely mysterious). The old man said, "My brother never smoked or drank, but he was a devout gambler." (I liked that word "devout".) "He and his wife would sit at the living room window and bet on the number of the next car to go past." The landlord — an amiable mountain of a man — said that his grandfather had been a bookmaker. "And he always used to say, if ever you feel like putting a pound on a horse, make sure the pound's in your pocket and that you're on the horse's back." I liked that saying too.

That afternoon, a young couple with a tiny girl were entertaining another young couple who obviously came from outside Yorkshire. The little girl was staring at me over the back of her chair with big round eyes. The father was saying, "What would you like to eat tonight? We've got both beef and rump steak in the freezer. You can have pepper steak, but you'd better put the pepper on yourselves." I said hello to the little girl and she turned quickly away. And at that moment, Harold and Emma came into the pub.

I can't imagine how David Hare would define Harold and Emma. They always arrive half an hour before closing time in the afternoon. They come in a yellow V registered Lada that seems to be crumbling away. Last year, I had a yellow V registered Polski that looked just like the Lada. I used to try to park the Polski next to the Lada so that the people who talked about Mercedes and Volvos could see the two cars crumbling away side by side.

Harold and Emma always come into the pub together, but then they go and sit at opposite ends of the bar. Emma says, "You don't come out to talk to the same old face, do you?" If you ask Emma how she is, she always says, "I'm well except for old age." Harold says, "I'm all right for an old youth." I'd never had any idea how old they were until Emma once told me, "My husband's never seen the sea and he's 76."

Harold was wearing, as always, his old grey trousers, the waistcoat and jacket of a very faded blue pin-stripe suit, and a flat cloth cap. Emma had on her short suede coat trimmed with fur — for all I know, both suede and fur may be genuine. Harold bought her a drink and then she came across and said to me, "I'll come and sit with you for a bit. You don't come out to talk to the same old face, do you?"

I asked her how she was and she said she was well except for old age, and then she nodded towards the prosperous looking group that always form a circle near the bar. She said, "You see that man. That man owes me £400. I'm going to tell on him some time."

The man was standing next to one of the few women who actually does wear a two-piece suit in the pub. She was talking about a meal she'd had in the most expensive hotel in Halifax.

I couldn't imagine how Emma had come to lend the man by the bar £400, but she went on, "I let him stay in one of my houses, and he never paid the rent."

Now I'd never thought of Emma as a property owner before — I'd always thought of her as the person who looked after my money. The first time she'd spoken to me, she'd pointed out that I'd dropped a pound note on the floor. I'd thanked her and bought her a Guinness. "No need for that," she said, but she was obviously pleased and patted my bottom. A few weeks later she came up and whispered that I'd dropped a five pound note. "That man just picked it up and paid for his round with it." I didn't really think I'd dropped a five pound note and I didn't want a drama anyway, so I told her it didn't matter, and she patted my bottom again.

Now that I could think of Emma as a property owner, I asked her where she lived. In a small farm, she said, in a village a couple of miles further out from Halifax. "I've only been in Halifax seven times in twelve years," she said. "Harold does the shopping. He goes to a shop in Queen's Road. It's run by Asians." She said it in the matter-of-fact tone of someone who could no longer be surprised by anything.

She and Harold, she said, had lived in the small farm for forty years. "It cost eleven hundred when we bought it and we've just been offered sixty-five thousand for it. But what would we want with money at our age?" They'd always wanted six children, but "none came." They still kept animals, though. "I give them all names and they know when I'm calling them. But I get a funny feeling in my throat when it's time for them to go. Harold took the last lot to market a week or two ago. He was going to buy some more from a man in Otley, but the man wanted to sell him ten and we only have room for seven."

The little girl was staring at me again over the back of her chair. Suddenly she said, "Hello," and then turned quickly away. I heard her mother say, "I have to get up early on Monday morning — I'm signing on at half past nine." Perhaps the man with the rump steak wasn't her husband after all, but that was none of my business.

David Hare had sat in his Yorkshire pubs and decided that the people he saw were "as full of passion and feeling as opera singers." Most of the opera singers I heard traded in faked-up passion. David Hare had gone off and dreamed up a mystery about a lonely Yorkshire schoolteacher and a postgraduate student who came to her house uninvited. Then he'd signed up Vanessa Redgrave to play the part of the schoolmistress. But wasn't Vanessa Redgrave one of the "exotic creatures" he'd found so lacking in mystery in London? And why had he "re-created a piece of Yorkshire in a field in Rickmansworth?". Infinitely mysterious.

I noticed Emma's glass was empty, so I went to the bar and got her a Guinness. "No need for that," she said. She couldn't pat my bottom because I was sitting down.

British Rail has had a bad year for accidents: 18 people have been killed, and the bill amounts to £8 million. But this week's news of new safety measures doesn't tackle the root of the problem according to Clive Groome, a former train driver with 25 years' experience.

Why train drivers fall into a hypnotic trance

TRAIN DRIVERS are employed to carry out their duties in a responsible and alert manner, to obey fixed signals and run their trains to time, calling at booked stops, and paying due regard to speed restrictions. Which seems straightforward enough.

The problem is that some trains don't stop where they should, and others stop where they shouldn't. Speed restrictions are grossly exceeded (Morpeth, 1983) and a terminal station was entered at 65 mph (Paddington, 1983). These kinds of mistake are on the increase, in spite of firm action by railway management.

What is going on? Are the modern train drivers less responsible than those of the past? The answer, of course, is no.

Most of them are still the same men who were driving steam trains twenty or so years ago. Here, indeed, lies a clue. A steam driver was faced with countless problems during a day's work: poor visibility, variations in the performance of engine and fireman, and the physical effort needed to adjust controls. Catching hasty glimpses of signals between flurries of steam, he supervised his mate, the fireman, whilst balancing against the heaving footplate. He needed a calm phlegmatic nature.

This very calmness may be his undoing today. His workplace has become an enclosed capsule, he is cocooned from reality; speed means nothing, load and gradient are nothing. His contact with the elements is curtailed. The glasshouse effect of the modern cab numbs apprehension, even in conditions of fog and falling snow which puts the driver in a position of considerable uncertainty.

In more normal weather, a dreamlike condition arises. When running on a moonless night toward a badly lit station deep in the country, 90 mph is just a number on the speedometer; it has little significance. The driver watches the speedo, the brake gauge, and eventually, the approaching station. Little sense of motion is felt; he might as well be docking a space capsule.

Seated comfortably, changes of position barred by cab design and the need to keep the driver's safety device depressed, his head held fixed by eyes staring unwinkingly forward, the driver is a prime subject for a hypnotic trance.

A driver these days is just the cheapest flexible computer available to transform light signals into motor action. Unmoving, he sits registering and converting, a huge part of his brain idle, a far cry from the days when signals took only a part of his concentration. In this condition, an effort is needed to break the spell and alter the controls. He is not just daydreaming; what is happening is familiar to those involved in putting men in space.

Behavioural psychologists know how to describe it: "The central nervous system is stimulated by differences in stimuli, whose varying electrical impulses continually flash through the system. Static muscular activity and unvarying visual stimulation provide monotonous signals to the central nervous system. This results in a perceptible reduction of activity in the decision making area of the brain. It can also result in both visual and auditory hallucinations."

So instances of station overrunning, misjudged speed restrictions and, in some cases, the passing of signals at danger, can happen when sensory input falls below a critical level.

Much the same thing has happened on the flight deck and ship's bridge. But train drivers are physically alone, and for many hours a day. After not talking to anyone for up to six hours on some duties, the driver's facial muscles become stiff with disuse.

Only an actual driver can know the difficulty of staying alert. Doctors or inspectors seeking to study the effects alter the conditions by their very presence. An observer, by definition, can never be alone; he is never alone for the number of hours that the driver is, he is never retracing a route for the Nth time.

Union leaders, one might imagine, would keep these factors in mind when agreeing to extended rosters, shortened meal breaks, and surrendered mileage agreements. They might also think of the added strain on drivers who are compelled to work seven days a week as a result of inadequate wages. Most union negotiators have not driven trains with any regularity for many years. The supervisors whose job it is to investigate erring drivers are also removed early in their careers from the actual day-to-day driving.

The problem of staying alert has become a kind of torture. This torture is merely compounded when the driver's safety device is redesigned in such a way as to require resetting every half minute or so. Drivers of heavy goods vehicles on motorways also drift into trance-like states, notwithstanding the need to steer and cope with other vehicles. Many stop for a break at service stations, and pick up hitch-hikers, to solve the problem.

The job of train driving cannot be made interesting again. How can it be made safer?

Those who suggest an endlessly resetting safety device should ask themselves whether they have never fallen asleep at the wheel of a car on a motorway? Wasn't this in spite of the need to steer and make continual small adjustments to controls? The human being must not be expected to perform as a robot. The fact that modern trains can race at 100 mph between cities may, theoretically, double the work that can be performed in a shift, but the limits of human endurance are being breached. The results are to be found in the rail disasters of late.

So, the rostering of train drivers must be humanised. Hours must be reduced, or the driver once again be given a mate to share his vigil. The human mind cannot cope with sensory deprivation over long periods. A maximum of six hours actual driving might be set, with a limit of 200 miles.

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If you've got any money hidden under the bed, now's the time to get it working



SATURDAY NOTEBOOK

BANK interest rates were this week leapfrogging each other downwards yet building societies were busily doing the same in the opposite direction, during one of the most frenetic weeks the savings and mortgage markets have seen for many years.

Barclays and Midland cut their base lending rates 0.5 per cent to 12.75 per cent, a quarter per cent below NatWest and Lloyds, which had themselves jumped below their rivals in late March. Base rates are as much as 1.25 per cent below the level on budget day, and some of the bank deposit rates have also followed downwards.

Meanwhile the building societies were continuing their spectacular competition to see who could offer the highest interest rates to depositors. Newspapers have been treated to an advertising bonanza as societies have shouted out the merits of their latest super-gold bonus-saver-share accounts, some of them moving their rates upwards as many as three times in a few weeks.

For savers, life has never been better, and the old advice never a borrower but a lender be can rarely have been truer. Because to pay for their generosity to savers, who are getting the highest true interest rates after inflation since the 1920s, the societies have pushed their mortgage rates to a painful 14 per cent plus.

The societies are paying depositors over 10 per cent net of basic rate tax, which costs them more in interest before tax than some of them are getting from their home loan borrowers. The result is that they are making virtually no return on their money to cover the costs of administration and management.

So how is it that the two biggest types of savings institution in the country, the banks and the building societies, are going in such different directions?

The answer must lie with the differences in the market forces which are driving banks and building societies. Banks have a large part of their business with industry and with the international money markets. This commercial work is subject to the pressures of international market movements, especially the fortunes of the pound on the foreign exchanges, and government economic policy.

The Government has a tremendous impact on interest rates, by setting monetary targets and attempting to control monetary growth through a variety of techniques including interest rates and sales of gilts to the public. Lately it has been using high interest rates to raise up sterling's value which helps keep the price of imports — and therefore inflation — down.

Having deliberately driven market interest rates up to 14 per cent, the Chancellor has made it clear in public that 13 per cent, the rate set by NatWest and Lloyds, is for the moment enough to maintain the strength of the pound, by attracting funds from other currencies with lower interest rates.

So for a mixture of political and international market reasons, the clearing banks' interest rates are on a slow downward trend. NatWest's chief economist Mr David Kern said yesterday that he expected base rates down to 12 per cent by mid year and 10 per cent by the end of the year.

Because they expect this to happen, the banks have so far held out against their usual policy of following the societies on mortgage rates, and so they missed the last round of increases and are now slightly cheaper.

However there is one area where they meet the societies head on in the battle for personal savers' money: this is the premium savings account, paying above deposit rate, often attached to a cheque book or other special scheme. The banks have been forced to keep these rates high even while their other deposit and lending rates have come down, to fend off the building societies.

But the societies are driven not so much by the money market forces which govern banks — though they reflect those indirectly — as by a narrow need to attract enough deposits to meet mortgage demand.

A couple of years ago building societies pledged themselves to bring an end to mortgage queues for ever. Their policy is now to make sure they always have enough money on their books to meet the demand from their borrowers.

Government policy that everyone should own their own home has reduced the opportunities for those who wish to rent. Therefore the potential pool of borrowers is larger than ever.

This switch of emphasis has put building societies in the position they are today, of offering stunningly high interest rates when the trend elsewhere is downwards. Yesterday's figures from the Building Societies' Association showed how urgently they needed to pay higher rents.

A mere £214 million inflow during March, and that only rescued by the announcement of higher rates to come in April, is one quarter the amount needed to meet mortgage demand.

Societies have options other than increasing their rates: they can raise money on the wholesale market or they can dig into reserves. They have been doing both.

Mostly they have found the money to hand out in home loans by eating into liquidity: at 17.4 per cent this is the lowest figure for many years and will fall still lower this month as the inflow starts its rocky climb back to the level needed to match demand.

So, do the generous rates being paid to savers automatically mean higher charges for borrowers? If we were prepared to accept home loan shortages from time to time would we be paying less overall?

An interesting phenomenon in the latest round of building society rate rises is that they have all happened since, and independently of, the official Building Society Association's council concordat.

While the BSA no longer sets rates, nor even advises them, the agreed view that savings rates should go up by 0.75 per cent survived but a few hours. Since then, some societies have added another 1.5 per cent.

This has not been funded by a matching increase in mortgage rates which across the board went up by 1 per cent.

Moreover, there would be customer resistence to paying 13 per cent or more for home loans so demand would disappear anyway.

There is good and bad in this: the societies have not looked at raising their rates yet again, which would cause uproar. Yet it is a fact that their narrow concentration on inflows for setting mortgage rates is actually putting technical upward pressure on their rates now, while bank base rates have come down for the third time in a row. It is only the belief that the banks will soon start shaving the rates on their competing savings products which has stopped talk of another mortgage rise.

The third of the triad fighting for our money is National Savings: invariably the last to move, not least because the lumbering machine of government is involved, it usually hits the middle course.

The variable interest rates have just been increased but the 30th issue savings certificate with a fixed rate over five years was left alone. If National Savings had brought out a higher paying 31st issue just as most interest rates were falling, it would be stuck with a high price product for five years.

By sitting on the fence it can ride out the buffeting forces of banks and building societies, particularly as they are just starting a new financial year.

However, they are ever watchful of the others: if National Savings were to be way behind target at the middle of the year, it could easily recoup its position by creating a breathtakingly attractive offer.

At that point banks and building societies would probably give up trying.

Meanwhile, a fever is gripping savings markets and anyone with a few pounds to spare should grab the opportunity quickly.

Peter Rodgers and Margaret Dibben

US performance overcomes cost of dispute

Hawker up by £14m despite miners' strike

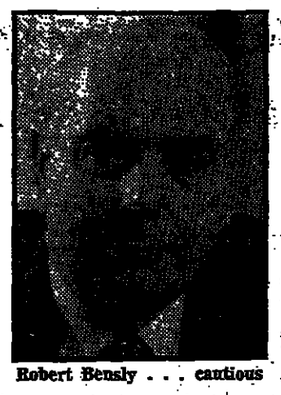
By Andrew Cornelius

The coal strike cost Hawker Siddeley £7 million last year, but failed to prevent the group producing an unexpected £14 million rise in pre-tax profits to £151.5 million.

The collapse in Hawker's £75 million-plus yearly equipment sales to the National Coal Board was offset by a doubling of profits from the group's US businesses. Hawker shares were rapidly marked up by 26p to 437p on news of the increase, which compares with analysts' forecasts that profits would be unchanged on 1983.

Analysts later complained that Hawker would continue to be dogged by sharp changes in its share price unless it gave a better indication of performance during the year. "BTR would never allow forecasts to go so wrong," one leading engineering analyst said.

Hawker said that the downturn in UK profits from £70.5 million to £54.9 million was largely due to the impact of the coal strike and the timing of major contract completions.



Robert Bensly . . . cautious

However, NCB orders for small items of equipment like roof supports is already picking up. The group is confident that this will be translated into a resurgence of orders for heavier items of coal mining equipment later this year.

Hawker's US profits doubled to £35.3 million, helped by the surging economy there and a £9 million exchange rate gain. The group also has high hopes for increased overseas sales from South America and the Far East after bolstering its export sales efforts in these territories.

Mr Robert Bensly, the chief executive, said that the group's overall order book had increased by 10 per cent in real terms during the year, but he remained cautious about the current year's trading.

"While there are areas in which business is still uncertain, with strong worldwide competition producing pressures on profitability, there are signs of improvement in the business environment in which the group is working," he said.

Hawker still holds a 25 per cent share stake in J.H. Fenner, the engineering group which it failed to take over last year with a £43 million bid.

The board is recommending payment of a final dividend of 7.7p, making 11.8p for the year, against 11p last time.

Market makers' deadline

By Mary Brasier

FIRMS wanting to become market makers in the new look gilt-edged market have been given until May 3 to register their applications under a timetable set out by the Bank of England yesterday.

The application lists opened as the Bank published its white paper on the new structure of the gilt-edged market, which apart from some mostly technical changes broadly follows the lines of the Bank's draft proposals last November.

The timetable envisages a series of formal discussions between the Bank and applicants concerning their capitalisation and the size of market they intend to make after which a list of acceptable firms will be published. Potential market makers then have two weeks to confirm their applications and a final list will be compiled by mid-June.

The Bank stresses in its white paper that the new arrangements for the gilt market have not been rigidly fixed and will be reviewed as the market develops.

One key feature that is still to be resolved is the establishment of an assured payments system. This reflects concern which was raised during the discussion period since last November about the consequences of releasing stock before cheques paying for the stock can be cleared in a greatly enlarged market.

The Bank says it is "urgently exploring" ways of making the transfer of stock simultaneous with payment as part of the revised market structure. It is one example of how a number of technical points have been incorporated into the Bank's broad strategy for the market.

The Bank has also responded to the Stock Exchange's proposals on membership by confirming that market makers must be members of the Exchange in order to improve regulation of the new market.

In addition, the Bank will supervise market makers' capital resources to ensure that they have an adequate base for the size of market they are making.

Banker swipes at 'arbitrageurs'

By Peter Rodgers
City Editor

The chairman of one of America's biggest banks yesterday hit out at the "arbitrageurs" who are currently making killings by threatening bids for American companies, driving up their share prices, before selling out.

Mr John McGillicuddy, chairman of Manufacturers Hanover, said in London that arbitrageurs should be made to give a firmer indication of where they would get the money to make a full bid. They should not be allowed to give just a "nominal indication" of what they could or could not do financially.

Mr McGillicuddy was a member of a top-level panel which looked at the problems involved, but he said that it had been unable to recommend any action because that would undermine the basic workings of the market. However, he still believed that more details of the finance backing a threatened bid would help.

Arbitrageurs promised to deliver the money with the help of "the best intentioned investment banks in the world" but without a penny piece to back them up. Decisions were made in a room of investment bankers and lawyers, all of whom "march out with astronomical fees." The market became "a back room in which a very limited number of people make the decisions. To the extent that we banks participate this is unfortunate."

He added: "As far as the US is concerned it is a very serious problem. Undertakings we see now are not made with the purpose of building a company. They were financial transactions to make money and "that is not how to build a great society."

Arbitrageurs such as Mr Ivan Boeskey and Mr Carl Icahn have been making fortunes and cutting swathes through US industry, originally concentrating on oil but now branching as far afield as the media and television networks.

Mr McGillicuddy also said that the US Federal Reserve would soon follow the Bank of England by introducing tougher guidelines for the mushrooming business of off-balance-sheet lending. The US may broaden the range beyond the Bank of England's new rules to include currency and interest rate swaps, a business which has grown so rapidly that Mr McGillicuddy confessed it "makes me a bit uneasy."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rolls wins Chinese order

ROLLS-ROYCE, the state-owned engineering group, revealed yesterday that it has won a second substantial order for electrical generating plant from China, with the China National Aero Technology Import and Export Corporation contracting to buy three sets with a total value of £15 million. This follows an £8.3 million order won by the group last year.

The new contract, for Rolls-Royce gas turbine electrical generating sets for an oil field development in the north-west of China, could lead to further substantial orders from the country, and Rolls-Royce confirmed yesterday that it expects more sales of the same Spey-engine based generating sets to be agreed shortly.

NORRIS MASTERS, co-founder of Pineapple Dance Studios with his wife Debbie Moore, yesterday resigned as a director of the company, which owns dance studios in London and New York. Pineapple said that Mr Masters had not been involved in the day-to-day running of the company for about nine months. Roger Jennings, a former marketing director of Lee Cooper concessionaires, was appointed last month as Pineapple's chief operating officer.

THE VATICAN Bank has reached an outline agreement for the sale of its 51 per cent stake in the Swiss-based Banco di Roma per la Svizzera to Chase Manhattan Bank for about $100 million, banking sources said.

BAIRSTOW EVES is raising the number of estate agency branches to 112 through the acquisition of Nicholas of Reading for up to £2 million. Nicholas warrants that profits will average £330,000 a year, and Bairstow will issue a maximum of two million new shares in the course of the deal.

THE FRENCH state-owned aerospace manufacturer, Aerospatiale, one of the four main partners in the European Airbus civil airliner project, made a net profit of 330 million francs (£30 million) in 1984, against a loss of 357 million francs in 1983.

Entrad boosts stake in Tootal

By Mary Brasier

Entrad yesterday rammed home its £128 million attack on textiles group Tootal with a market raid which netted the Australian company a 26 per cent share stake.

With just under a week to go before Tootal shareholders finally decide the outcome of the two-month-long takeover battle, Entrad launched a two-pronged assault on its bid victim. It sent out another document attacking Tootal's profit forecast and dividend promises and then dispatched stockbrokers Cazenove into the stock market to buy 35.3 million Tootal shares at just over 74p.

The raid took advantage of the first fall in the Tootal share price to below Entrad's 72.5p terms. Entrad said it planned to go on buying in the market up to the maximum 29.9 per cent level. The shares leapt 6p to 75p as the raid got under way and Entrad came away at the close of business with a 26 per cent stake. Before the bid began the Australian group held 5.8 per cent of Tootal.

The share purchases give Entrad chairman Mr Abe Goldberg a strong push towards being able to claim victory next week, but Tootal chairman Mr Alan Wagstaff remained unruffled yesterday. "I feel quite confident that we shall see him off, because major shareholders are on our side. I shall be there today week to wave him off on the plane," he said. Mr Wagstaff also hit back at the Entrad document, calling it "jumbled, misleading and possibly actionable."

Mr Goldberg has attacked Tootal's policy in accounting for depreciation and taxation liabilities and calls its profit increases "illusory." The document goes on to warn shareholders that they "cannot afford to rely on the dividend being maintained in the coming downturn of the textile cycle."

These are the final salvoes in a bid war which has seen Entrad raise its offer once by £4 million, amid hopes that there might be a white knight bidder also waiting in the wings for Tootal. Yesterday's market raid, which caught everyone by surprise, has ruled out that possibility, and probably makes the outturn next week a close run thing.

Honda president digs in at Swindon

By our Business Staff

Honda president, Mr Tadashi Kume, yesterday performed the ground breaking ceremony for the Japanese car manufacturing group's seven billion yen (£22 million) plant at Swindon, but denied suggestions that the group plans a full production factory on the site.

Instead, Honda will confine its activities on the site to a pre-delivery inspection centre and a parts assembly plant, creating an initial 150 jobs in the process.

The Swindon project was described by Mr Kume as "the nucleus of Honda's future operations in this country."

The site will also include a test circuit for the new executive car being jointly produced in a collaborative venture between Honda and the BL subsidiary, Austin Rover Group.

The Honda "HX" version of the car will be launched jointly in the UK and Japan this autumn, with ARG's "BX" version following in the first half of 1986.

Booker makes earnings forecast of £45m

By our Financial Staff

Booker McConnell has made an eleventh-hour attempt to retain its independence after spending nearly a year under siege from Mr Alec Monk's Dee Corporation. The agriculture to publishing group yesterday pulled out a profit forecast predicting a figure of around £45 million for 1985, a 22 per cent increase over recently published 1984 figures.

Dee promptly responded with a new profit forecast of its own, restated to show the effect of property surpluses from the International chain bought late last year, and predicting earnings of not less than £64 million. The £388 million offer is due to close next Friday and so far Dee has acceptances for just 5.3 per cent of Booker shares, although it also owns a 16 per cent share stake.

Booker's managing director, Mr Jonathan Taylor, said that the profit forecast reflected the transformation of Booker over the past year and did not include exceptional property profits. "Twelve months ago we had seven divisions, today we have three profitable and very specific areas of interest."

A turnround in health products is a key constituent of the new forecast. With the US now back in the black, Booker says the division will increase profits by 50 per cent.

"We now have critical mass there. Before we had to get out or get out, and acquisitions have given us volume to do our own marketing, which has helped," Mr Taylor said.

Booker is also promising a 28 per cent higher dividend of 11.5p. Its shares jumped 7p to 253p.

Booker came under fire from Dee as soon as the document was out. The supermarkets group said that Booker's earnings per share record was much worse than its own.

CDC moves on Systime

Systime, the Leeds-based mini-computer manufacturer, has been almost wholly taken over by the Control Data Corp of the US. The move comes in the wake of the 30 per cent annual growth at Systime which placed a severe strain on the company's cash resources.

A search for funding in the UK from the existing shareholders, including the Edinburgh-based Ivory and Sime, failed to produce the £15 or £20 million that the company needed to continue its expansion.

The move by CDC is also seen as a defensive measure aimed at giving Systime the maximum protection from a threatened fine by the US Commerce Department of £400,000. The fine, due to be settled later this month, is based on alleged irregularities by Systime involving export of computers from the UK in the period 1980-1983.

Clydesdale Bank PLC

BASE RATE

Clydesdale Bank PLC announces that with effect from 15th April 1985 its Base Rate for lending is being reduced from 13¼% to 13% per annum

Unity Trust confirms talks on paper launch

By our City Editor

The trade union bank Unity Trust, which yesterday reported that it had won £16 million deposits in its first eight months, confirmed that it had been talking to Mr Clive Thornton about the launch of a new national Sunday newspaper. But it said that nothing had yet been agreed.

Managing director Mr Terry Thomas said: "Clive Thornton and others have approached us on their ideas for a newspaper. It doesn't go any further than that. We said in principle we would help them to syndicate a loan in the City if they produce a commercial project."

Unity Trust is for the moment too small a bank to finance a big industrial project on its own. It has lent £1 million to customers and has £3 million of loans in the pipeline. Capital subscribed by the founder shareholders has reached £4.1 million but on usual Bank of England guidelines it would not be allowed to lend much more than £600,000 to any single customer. The Bank of England sets a limit on loans to single customers of 15 per cent of capital, above which loans have to be notified to the Bank.

The deposit build up to £16 million came from trade unions and Unity Trust made a modest trading profit of £91,000 in its eight months first trading period to December 31.

Unity Trust chairman Mr Lewis Lee said at the annual meeting yesterday that the United Kingdom should join the European Monetary System.

Multimedia spurns Lorimar

From Alex Brummer
in Washington

The producers of corporate soap operas Dynasty and Dallas — Lorimar, of Culver City, California — have been rebuffed in their one billion dollar takeover bid for the Multimedia group, which owns newspapers, broadcasting and cable television interests.

Multimedia, which has already accepted a lower offer of $870 million from the company's own management, says that the management and founding family — which control up to 40 per cent of the shares — "have indicated no intention or willingness to sell." But Lorimar, ever confident, says the deal "looks awfully good to us."

Lorimar's entry into the first division of American media takeovers has largely been built on the rich syndication rights of Dallas — still the top rated show on the American networks. In the most recent six-month period its earnings tripled, climbing to $23.4 million on sales of some $196.7 million.

In a separate bid saga, Sir James Goldsmith has been spurned in his $807.5 million offer for Crown Zellerbach. But shares in the company continued to rise, suggesting that the markets believe that Sir James — who is bidding through a Cayman Island subsidiary — may still increase his offer.

Shares in CBS, America's favourite media takeover candidate, recovered yesterday after falling on Thursday when the company, the US's top television network, took legal action against arbitrage expert Mr Ivan Boesky who recently acquired 8.7 per cent of the CBS stock.

Midland Bank Interest Rates

Base Rate
Decreases by 0.5% to 12.75% per annum with effect from 12th April 1985.

Deposit Accounts
Interest on Deposit Accounts decreases by 0.5% to 7.0% net p.a. with effect from 12th April 1985.
For those customers who receive interest gross, the rate decreases to 9.36% p.a.

Save and Borrow Accounts
Interest on credit balances decreases to the above Deposit Rate with effect from 13th May 1985 and interest charged on overdrawn balances remains at 23.0% p.a. APR 25.0%.

Monthly Income Accounts
With effect from 12th April 1985 the interest decreases by 0.5% to 9.0% net per annum.
For those customers who receive interest gross, the rate decreases to 12.04% p.a.

Midland Bank
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COMPANY BRIEFING

Circuit maker comes on board

Prestwick Holdings, probably Europe's leading maker of printed circuit boards, is coming to the stock market through a share offer next week that will raise £4.3 million for expansion and values the company at £20 million at the 100p a share issue price.

Although the largest pcb manufacturers are in the United States, and there are numerous Far Eastern manufacturers, the Scottish-based business has encountered no significant competition from either area. This is because of continuous productivity improvements and the upgrading of products. Remarkably, the directors, including the founders who gained wide experience of the industry before launching out on their own in 1969, expect exports to soar to a quarter of turnover, approaching £20 million this year.

Last year sales leapt by almost half to £14.3 million and pre-tax profit soared to £1.12 million, from £451,000. In the previous year to July 31, 1983, however, a loss was incurred. It arose mainly in the small United States branch, but reflected recessionary destocking in the whole of the electrical industry. Prices were savaged. The sudden setback in personal computers, a main market, subsequently poses the question whether the cycle is repeating itself.

The forecast profit of £1.8 million for the current year, against £1.12 million, including the first small US contribution, provides the immediate answer, particularly as the first half produced only a third of the expected total. This was nearly twice the corresponding figure for last year after another sales increase of nearly half. Orders from the European giants Siemens and Olivetti provide the basis for renewed confidence and lower-cost manufacture than in the Far East, it is claimed.

Around £8 million will be spent on the new Irvine plant and manufacturing innovations and research, including developments in laser technology, will absorb additional funds. The new facility will make Prestwick the European leader and exports to Japan are possible. Surface mounting of pcbs, including specialist multilayer boards in which only a 2 per cent market share is held at present, is the newest trend. It will probably account for 10 per cent of this year's turnover.

The shares are being sold at a fair 13.5 times forecast earnings of 7.4p a share and 3 per cent yield. Since the directors are sure that they have counteracted the latest destocking cycle and micro slump the 7.25 million share issue sponsored by Charterhouse Japhet will probably command a big response.

Kwik-Save suffers

THE MINERS' strike and last year's hot summer shrivelled some of the growth at Kwik-Save Discount, the supermarket group which yesterday turned in halftime profits barely up to market expectations at £15.4 million.

The strike hit the group hardest in south Wales where established stores suffered from the fall off in demand. The group's area depot reported a 20 per cent drop in supplies to the supermarkets at the peak of the dispute. The effect on the North East and Yorkshire, where Kwik-Save has been attempting to expand its network, is less easily measured, but according to managing director, Mr William Postlethwaite they have not achieved their expected sales.

The other problem to hit Kwik-Save was the good summer, which produced hot competition from food chains selling fresh goods at seasonally low prices. The switch out of packaged groups which lost around four per cent of sales in the last three months of calendar 1984 stopped with the first cold snap in January, and Kwik-Save say sales are now running at last year's levels.

Overall sales rose though by 8.7 per cent with 4 per cent extra volume from new stores, and Kwik-Save maintained a competitive edge with price inflation held at just 3.5 per cent. Turnover for the first six months reached £336.46 million and profits compare with last year's first half tally of £4.3 million.

Concessionaire rentals have provided good growth expanding from £3.03 million to £3.32 million

Gill trails estimate

Glut conditions in several basic commodities have prevented Gill and Duffus, the cocoa trader and international broker from meeting its earlier profit estimate. Limiting risk exposures inevitably means that margins are being trimmed so the outlook remains dull, if changeable.

Taxable profit slipped to £17.1 million for the year from £20.43 million previously and was thus nearly £1 million below the late October indication from the board. Turnover was up by half at £1.89 billion, boosted by the low pound.

While cocoa continued to provide reasonable returns, the excess supply of sugar and grain made trading in them hardly worth the candle and only a minimal interest is being retained.

Likewise, oil cargo trading involved a high turnover but no profit and this too, has ceased. More success was achieved in coffee and although Brazil's problems mean that the situation there for both cocoa and coffee traders is far from easy, prospects are still much brighter than in sugar.

Another area of recent growth and relative stability is insurance broking which brought in a record £3.8 million profit following acquisitions which are likely to continue. Apart from regional buys, the Clarkson Puckle subsidiary moved into the international employee pensions business.

The dividend stays at 10p net a share, including the 6p final payment and earnings were also steady at 20p after lower deferred tax provisions. Better returns in the US and developments in food following the Pearce Duff acquisition should slow any further decline, but the chairman, Mr D.C.F. Pearson, points out that present conditions are too slack to permit any recovery forecast either.

Breakmate excels

Breakmate, the drinks dispensing and catering consultancy group whose shares were placed on the Unlisted Securities Market last October has comfortably beaten its profit forecast and the growth rate shows no sign of flagging.

On turnover of £9.1 million up from £6.9 million previously, pre-tax profit emerged at £481,000, against £381,000 previously and the minimum forecast of £450,000. Integrated services for City and other offices and moves towards automated catering provide scope for growth. Ingredients bottling was moved out of London during the year to the New Telfor packaging unit.

There was a 38 per cent increase in the sale of dispensers, including freshly brewed and ready-mixed lines, while there was an increase of half to £2.22 million in forward contracted rental income on leased equipment.

The dividend is 1p a share as forecast, while 2.5p would have been paid for a full year. Earnings were 9p a share. The directors look forward to further growth and continuing innovation and report that new catering contracts are ahead of budget so far this year. At 117p, up 3p, the share price is back near its peak and reasonably above the 100p placing figure.

In short . . .

SCOTTISH Television raised its profit by almost £1.1 million to £3.7 million on turnover £6.8 million higher at £56.8 million last year. Channel 4 subscription cost £8 million and the levy £3.5 million. Latest advertising revenue is running only marginally ahead of last year.

CH INDUSTRIALS holds 13.4 per cent of Banro and Stewart Funds will accept on behalf of another 13 per cent in the absence of a higher offer for banro.

HAMBROS has placed 1.8 million shares of Norscot Hotels, 31.5 per cent of the capital, at 113p a share. Burnthills, the holding company retains control.

AQUASCUTUM doubled its profit to £1.2 million on sales £8 million higher at £33.6 million in the year to January 31. The dividend goes up to 2.25p (2.05p) with a 1.5p final.

Cut in base rates give a fillip to gilt-edged

THE MARKETS

The decision by Barclays and Midland to cut their base rates by half-a-point, leapfrogging the other clearers by a quarter, breathed some life into government securities yesterday, but equities, apart from special situations, were largely neglected as the long three-week Easter holiday account drew to a tired close.

Most dealers were waiting for the new account before making any investment decisions, but the underlying trend was fairly firm. Gilts had their best day for some time by climbing around a full-point in the high-coupon longs.

The Government Broker exhausted the Exchequer 10½ per cent 1997 and sold some of the Treasury 9 per cent 1994 "taplets". Stores were to the fore on hopes that the building societies may relent and ease mortgage rates before very long. Rises recorded here were between 5p and 12p, but there was little interest in other consumer stocks, buildings or properties.

Travel firms were in demand behind the firm pound and reports that package holiday sales were picking up. Leading shares were little changed at the official close, but were expected to push ahead "after hours." Hawker stood out with a 26p rise to 437p following a 10 per cent profits increase, well in excess of market predictions. Glaxo recouped an early modest fall to finish 2p up at 1080p ahead of Monday's half-timer. Analysts are looking for profits of £160-165 million aghainst £117 million for the same period last year.

There was some excitment in Tootal as Entrad launched a "dawn raid" on the shares, picking up around 20 per cent to bring thier stake to 25.7 per cent. Entrad are to remain in the market until they have acquired 29.9 per cent. Tootal shares closed 6p higher at 75p.

William Baird rebounded 22p to 370p after a favourable press reception to Thursday's results. Another firm counter was Avon Rubber, up 23p to 301p, following a successful visit to the company by a firm of brokers.

On the minus side discount houses fared badly following an adverse article suggesting that they had been wrongfooted by the recent surge in interest rates. There was also speculation about a bid for Clive Discount, whose price held firmer.

Main changes were: Hawker 437p up 25p; Avon Rubber 301p up 23p; Tootal 74p up 6p; Microlease 400p dn 43p; Laidlaw 38p dn 8; Horizon Travel 133p up 15p; Moss Bros. 383p up 28p.

Turnover for April 11 was: Number of bargain 23,198; value £393.405 million.

● Paris: French shares rose in active trading although a late round of profit taking brought the market off its best intraday levels. At the end of the day, the general market indicator showed a gain of 0.48 per cent. Advancing issues led declines 101 to 62, with 15 French issues unchanged.

● Frankfurt: Share prices closed mixed as anxiety about the course of the US dollar and the impending weekend thinned the ranks of participants. The Commerzbank Index rose 9.4 points to 1211.7, but was distorted by good gains posted by some interest rate-sensitive issues, dealers said.

● Hong Kong: Share prices rose in active, lively trading. One broker described the day's trading as "lively." The market index rose by as much as 14 points in the morning, before slipping in the afternoon. Hang Seng Index: 1492.18 (1483.39).

● Tokyo: Despite a plus for the index, most stocks in the Tokyo market slipped into the minus column. Domestic investors, rather than following in the footsteps of foreigners, tended to take a wait-and-see attitude and didn't sell off shares so actively. Nikkei Dow Jones Index: 12,388.01 (12,573.80).

● Money markets: Interbank periods were reined in by Bank of England curbs on the discount market when the authorities decided that the pace of descent was too hot after base rate leap-frogging by Barclays and Midland. So rates lifted off the bottom before the close, generally by 1/16 or ⅛. They remained, nevetheless around ⅛ lower than hitherto, anticipating that the general move to a lower structure of interest rates has been braked only temporarily.

FT Ordinary Share Index up 10.4 at 967.8. FT-SE 100 Index up 6.5 at 1275.8. Pound: $1.2530; DM 3.83; Fr 11.71. Gold: $329. Account: March 25 to April 12. FT All Share Index up 2.41 at 614.73. Sterling Index 78.4 (1975=100). RPI 362.7 (February) up 5.4 per cent on year.

COMMODITIES

Copper: Cash £1,200 per tonne, three months £1,200 per tonne.

Tin: Cash £9,810 per tonne, three months £9,786 per tonne.

Lead: Cash £310.50 per tonne, three months £309.90 per tonne.

Zinc: Cash £724 per tonne, three months £745.00 per tonne.

Silver: Spot 531.50p per troy oz, three months 549.55p.

Rubber: Spot 70.00p per kilo, May £725.00 per tonne, June £735.20 per tonne, July £745.00 per tonne.

Coffee: May £2,097 per tonne, July £2,134 per tonne, Sep £2,168 per tonne, Nov £2,195 per tonne, Jan £2,196 per tonne, Mar £2,175 per tonne.

Cocoa: May £1,947 per tonne, July £1,936 per tonne, Sep £1,951 per tonne, Dec £1,941 per tonne, Mar £1,942 per tonne, May £2,175 per tonne.

UNIT TRUSTS

	Bid	Offer
Abbey Unit Trust		
American	129.6	147.9
Comm & Gen	a75.3	80.5
General	101.9	109.0
Gilt & Fxd	a109.6	116.0
Hi Income	a69.8	74.3
Japan	a169.1	180.9
UK Grwth	101.6	109.3
Worldwide	146.8	155.2
Allied Hambro		
Allied Cap	a184.8	196.8
Allied 1st	a160.3	170.7
Am Spec Sits	a58.8	62.6
Assets	161.9	172.4
Equity	97.9	104.3
Far East	127.5	135.8
Growth	a101.2	107.8
Gev Secs	a27.2	28.3
Balanced	274.3	292.1
do Acc	410.4	432.1
High Inc	a177.3	188.8
High Yld	a116.6	124.2
Income Ex	98.5	102.3
Internatl	61.5	66.5
Japan	60.2	64.4
Met Min Com	94.9	101.1
Overseas	151.1	160.9
Pacific	118.0	125.7
Recovery	a55.6	59.2
Secs of Am	172.9	185.0
Smaller Cos	97.5	103.8
Sec Smaller	a126.5	134.7
Small Co Ex	a164.1	174.8
Technology	a81.3	86.6
USA Exempt	a292.7	310.3
Arbuthnot Securities		
Comm Sh	83.1	88.8
East & Int	a95.4	102.0
Fin & Prop	44.2	47.2
Foreign Grwth	59.1	63.2
High Inc	55.3	59.1
N Am & Int	71.4	76.3
Pref Share	a25.1	26.8
Smaller Cos	97.4	104.1
Archway		
Archway Fd	210.4	223.8

	Bid	Offer
Barclays Unicorn		
America	74.9	79.6
Australia	103.1	109.6
do Acc	141.6	150.6
Capital	162.8	173.1
Exempt	305.9	325.4
Extra Inc	a53.0	56.3
Financial	181.0	192.5
500 Trust	a188.0	200.0
General	a100.9	107.2
Gilt & Fixed	a51.0	53.3
Gr Pacific	a95.2	101.2
do Acc	93.0	102.1
Growth Accum	a136.7	145.4
Income Trust	232.8	247.6
Pref Assns	N.A.	N.A.
Recovery	134.8	143.4
Trustee Fd	80.6	85.7
Worldwide	106.6	113.3
Baring Brothers		
Stratton	a473.9	492.8
do Acc	701.2	729.3
Bridge		
Income	102.3	111.9
Cap Inc	a33.1	105.5
do Acc	126.2	135.7
Exempt	225.0	254.0
Britannia		
Am Growth	a81.8	87.3
Am Small Cos	22.4	23.9
Am Spec Sits	63.2	72.7
Australian	a58.9	73.5
Commod	145.6	155.3
Extra Inc	50.0	53.3
Far East	40.9	43.6
Gilt	25.7	27.0
Gold & Gen	24.4	26.3
Hong Kong Perf	23.9	25.5
Inc & Gr	157.1	167.2
Jap	35.8	38.2
National	a141.6	151.0
Preference	a17.1	18.2
Smaller Cos	a110.2	117.5
Spec Sit Sits	a72.9	77.8
Un Energy	63.6	67.8
World Tech	42.0	44.8

	Bid	Offer
Brown Shipley		
Exempt	156.7	168.5
Financial	a93.9	100.5
Growth	a108.2	114.2
do Acc	163.2	175.5
High Inc	a47.9	51.5
Income	a53.7	57.7
N Amer	51.2	55.1
Recovery	26.5	28.5
Unit Fd	48.0	51.6
Canada Life		
Gen Dist	83.4	94.1
do Acc	135.3	143.5
Inc Dist	61.2	64.4
do Acc	116.9	123.1
Chieftain		
American	44.2	47.3
Australian	20.0	21.4
Basic	—	—
Far East	—	—
High Inc	a40.5	43.4
Inc & Growth	38.8	41.5
Internatl	60.1	64.5
Pref & Gilt	—	—
Small Cos	—	—
County Bank UT Managers		
Capital Acc	216.5	230.3
Extra Inc	122.1	129.8
Financial	97.2	103.4
Growth	215.6	229.3
Income	a96.7	102.8
Portfolio	140.0	146.5
Smaller Cos	143.0	152.1
E.F.M. Unit Manager		
American	64.9	69.4
High Dist	84.5	90.4
Internatl	160.4	171.6
Resources	25.5	27.2
Tokyo	100.0	107.0
Discretionary		
Income	75.8	80.0

	Bid	Offer
Duncan Lawrie Fund Managers		
Growth	—	—
Income	—	—
Overseas	—	—
Equity & Law		
Eq & Law	a100.3	106.6
Far East Acc	a91.1	96.9
Gilts & Fixed	74.1	78.0
do Acc	84.8	88.7
High Inc	a136.0	144.6
do Acc	a162.1	172.4
N Am Acc	a123.3	130.1
UK Growth	a100.3	106.6
do Acc	a112.1	119.2
Fidelity		
American	82.5	88.3
Am Spec Sits	48.1	51.5
Managed	a83.0	88.3
Grwth & Inc	69.9	74.4
Japan	83.5	88.9
Max Inc Eq	54.6	58.1
Spec Sits	24.1	25.7
Framlington		
Amer & Gen	184.0	195.6
do Acc	185.8	197.6
Amer Turnrd	178.6	190.0
do Acc	182.6	194.2
Capital	a151.8	161.4
do Acc	178.4	189.6
Conv & Gilt	75.4	80.2
do Acc	94.2	100.2
Extra Inc	112.0	119.0
Income	84.6	89.8
Inter Growth	141.8	150.8
do Acc	155.4	165.2
Japan & Gen	54.2	57.6
do Acc	a55.8	59.2
Recovery	96.4	1028.4
do Acc	102.2	108.6
Friends Provident		
Equity	156.6	166.7
do Acc	252.5	267.1
Fixed In	107.8	115.3
do Acc	126.1	133.4

	Bid	Offer
G & A Trust Managers		
G & A	88.3	93.6
Gartmore Fund Managers		
American	79.4	84.4
British	42.7	45.5
Commodity	68.2	72.6
Extra Inc	36.3	38.7
Far East	83.4	88.8
Gilt	25.1	26.2
Global	110.8	114.4
High Inc	100.1	106.5
Inc	47.5	50.6
Insurance	N.A.	N.A.
Japan	68.5	72.8
Special Sit	69.8	74.3
Govett		
Int'nl Grth	60.8	65.0
Guardian Royal Exchange		
Gilt	112.6	117.0
Grwth Eq	154.1	164.0
Guardhill	234.5	143.0
N American	120.9	128.7
Pacific	133.3	141.9
Prop Share	153.2	163.0
Small Cos	159.7	169.9
G.T. Unit Managers		
Capital	73.4	75.4
European	133.5	142.8
Far East	74.3	79.5
Income	61.6	66.1
Internatl	103.4	110.6
Japan	a134.8	141.2
Pension	138.5	145.1
Tech & Grth	a69.3	74.2
US & Gen	47.7	51.1
Lin Reserve	100.1	101.7
Henderson Administration		
Am Smaller Co	a47.4	51.0
Australian	a65.0	70.0

	Bid	Offer
Capital Grwth	a37.2	50.2
do Acc	a53.5	56.9
European	125.9	132.5
Euro Ex	a253.2	263.7
Extra Inc	a119.6	126.6
Financial	N.A.	N.A.
Fixed	a51.6	54.3
Gilt	44.6	46.9
Global Tech	92.3	97.8
High Inc	125.1	133.9
High Inc Ex	a91.3	95.1
Inc & Assets	a79.6	84.7
Inc & Grwth	105.4	112.1
do Acc	195.5	208.0
Internatl	a109.7	116.8
Japan	82.8	87.8
Japan Ex	a81.6	85.4
N American	125.6	134.9
N Amer Ex	76.8	80.3
Oil & Nat	74.7	79.2
Pref & Gilt	a47.4	50.4
Recovery	73.1	77.9
Smllr Cos Ex	96.0	100.0
Smllr Cos Div	74.1	79.3
Special Sit	a99.1	106.6
do Acc	a137.2	147.5
Worldwide	a272.0	286.3
Hill Samuel		
British	400.6	426.4
Capital	74.7	79.5
Dollar	159.0	169.2
European	61.2	65.2
Far East	87.1	92.7
Financial	a248.5	264.4
General	a299.0	314.0
Gilt & Fixed	27.3	28.4
do Growth	37.5	39.0
High Yld	47.3	50.3
Income	59.7	63.6
Internatl	92.3	98.2
Japan	27.3	29.1
Nat Res	a34.1	36.3
Security	a136.4	145.2
Special Sit	74.6	79.4
James Finlay		
Fd of Invest	81.9	88.1
do Acc	118.5	127.4
High Inc	53.2	57.2
Wld Energy	a17.6	18.3
do Acc	23.3	25.1

	Bid	Offer
Key Fund Managers		
En and Gen	162.5	174.8
Fixed	a56.3	60.5
Income	156.2	166.8
Legal & General		
Equity	a207.1	221.5
do Acc	a315.2	337.1
Gilt	a66.7	70.6
Lloyds Bank		
Balanced	139.6	149.2
do Acc	239.3	255.8
Energy	53.8	57.5
do Acc	57.8	61.8
Extra Inc	116.1	124.1
do Acc	195.8	209.4
Income	195.1	208.7
do Acc	366.7	392.1
N Amer	89.7	95.8
do Acc	95.3	101.9
Sm Cos & Recvr	139.4	149.0
do Acc	152.7	163.3
World Grth	144.6	154.6
do Acc	200.4	214.3
Midland		
Capital	64.5	68.7
Com & Gen	125.3	133.6
Gilt & Fixed	a50.1	52.3
High Yld	115.4	123.0
Income	a124.9	133.2
Japan & Pac	a152.6	162.7
N American	90.4	96.4
Overseas	78.7	83.9
Minster		
Exempt	277.6	277.6
Minster	91.4	95.4
M & G Group		
Americas	183.7	196.6
do Acc	203.0	223.6
Amer Recov	208.7	223.6
do Acc	222.7	238.3
Australia	87.5	86.4
do Acc	83.3	93.6
Charibond	105.3	105.3

	Bid	Offer
Charifund	288.1	291.8
Commodity	190.5	201.9
do Acc	243.4	258.0
Comp Grth	320.0	339.2
Conv Grth	257.1	272.5
Conv Inc	143.8	152.4
Dividend	287.8	304.9
do Acc	799.0	846.9
European	105.1	111.4
do Acc	124.2	131.6
Extra	a160.8	170.4
do Acc	330.8	350.6
Far East	145.9	154.7
do Acc	195.2	185.2
Fd of Invest	185.7	198.8
do Acc	281.7	298.8
General	439.4	465.8
do Acc	891.5	945.0
Gilt	55.7	58.5
do Acc	77.2	81.1
High Inc	223.7	237.1
do Acc	567.5	601.6
Japan	448.9	475.8
do Acc	479.0	507.7
Int Growth	631.8	669.9
do Acc	980.7	1039.5
Midland	385.0	408.4
do Acc	913.1	967.9
Pension	343.5	359.8
Recovery	239.3	253.7
do Acc	299.2	317.1
2nd Gen	513.3	544.1
do Acc	973.8	1032.2
Smaller Cos	511.7	541.8
do Acc	799.9	826.7
Trustee	321.8	341.1
National Provident		
Growth	158.0	166.0
do Acc	243.7	259.3
Overseas	a408.9	432.8
do Acc	492.8	521.5
Mel Managers		
Meister		
do Gilt		
do High Inc		
do Intntl		

	Bid	Offer
Oppenheimer Fund Managers		
Practical	a40.9	43.6
do Acc	72.3	77.0
Pearl		
Growth	63.4	67.5
do Acc	92.2	98.1
Income	83.6	88.8
Pearl	90.1	95.9
do Acc	150.6	160.3
Prolific		
Far East	a168.8	174.4
Ex Inc	a59.5	63.5
High Inc	126.1	134.2
Internatl	a85.3	90.8
N Amer	a112.7	120.3
Spec Sits	145.4	154.7
Technology	117.2	125.0
Prudential Trust		
Prudential	a315.0	335.1
Reliance Unit Trust		
British Life	a123.8	133.0
Reliance Inc	a80.2	85.7
do Acc	103.4	110.5
Ridgefield		
Income	93.3	99.3
Internatl	225.6	240.0
Rothschild Asset Management		
America	223.8	235.3
do Acc	237.5	250.0
Energy Res	178.5	189.0
Income	220.4	237.2
Smaller Cos	a108.0	113.6
Save and Prosper Group		
Capital	83.9	89.7
Comm Share	54.7	58.1
Energy Ind	53.3	56.6
European Grwth	54.8	59.2

	Bid	Offer
Exploration	34.8	38.5
Financial	68.8	77.4
Gilt Growth	71.7	72.5
Gilt Income	a50.6	53.3
High Return	120.8	128.8
High Yld	a111.9	119.0
Income	73.8	78.8
Internatl Bond	a86.0	91.3
ITU	67.7	72.4
Japan	50.1	53.3
Japan Smllr Co	79.1	84.4
New Tech	95.1	101.1
Scottish	94.2	100.7
Scotshares	122.3	130.1
Scotyield	106.2	112.9
SE Asia	94.6	100.8
Select Inter	57.2	61.1
Smaller Cos	a112.8	119.9
Spec Sits	72.8	77.8
UK Equity	133.2	142.4
Universal	64.1	68.1
US Growth	a60.8	64.6
Schroder Unit Trust		
American	102.8	108.7
do Acc	109.9	116.7
Australian	59.4	63.3
do Acc	63.0	67.1
Europe	a60.6	64.5
do Acc	61.5	65.5
UK Equity	76.9	81.9
do Acc	114.9	122.4
Gilt & Fixed	32.1	34.9
do Acc	72.1	78.0
Income	126.5	134.8
do Acc	236.7	284.3
Internatl	80.9	88.2
do Acc	110.7	118.0
Smaller	102.1	108.9
do Acc	105.4	112.3
Tokyo	a114.7	122.2
do Acc	115.5	123.1
Ph & C Fund	N/A	N/A
Recovery	N/A	N/A
Spec Exempt	951.2	1013.9
Scottish Widows		
Pegasus		
do Acc		

	Bid	Offer
Sun Alliance		
Equity Trust		
Target Managers		
Amer Eagle	65.1	69.6
Commodity	103.4	114.4
Energy	49.0	52.8
Equity	109.0	115.7
Ex Exempt	627.1	648.5
Extra Inc	a83.0	88.8
Financial	124.3	207.2
Gilt Cap	210.3	220.3
Gilt Inc	100.3	109.0
Income	a68.6	69.8
Investment	99.0	105.6
Mnl & Slm	a28.5	30.0
Pacific	66.3	71.0
Preference	a14.9	16.1
Prof'nal	a18.1	489.7
Special Sit	83.8	89.3
Worldwide Cap	111.4	118.8
Trades Union		
T.U.U.T.	a126.3	133.0
Transatlantic		
Colonial	a362.6	379.8
do Acc	378.9	406.5
Fielding	188.8	200.3
do Acc	206.2	218.5
Tyndall Managers		
Australian	67.0	71.2
do Acc	68.5	734.8
Capital	a262.2	278.0
do Acc	452.6	479.1
Exempt	215.8	230.0
do Acc	380.8	400.1
Far Eastern	a126.1	135.4
do Acc	133.9	143.2
Fin & Prop	38.0	40.5
Gilt Cap	a110.8	115.2
do Acc	121.0	125.7
Gilt Inc	a107.5	106.1
do Acc	151.8	157.6
High Yield	38.5	41.2
do Acc	80.1	85.3

	Bid	Offer
Income	168.2	178.2
do Acc	484.8	513.2
Internatl	a107.2	113.8
do Acc	180.8	192.8
Natural Res	a204.8	218.0
do Acc	288.6	306.6
N American	108.7	114.3
do Acc	121.0	130.5
Preference	a103.8	110.6
do Acc	248.0	263.0
Scottish	304.6	324.6
do Acc	324.0	345.2
Smaller Cos	143.8	152.7
Special Sits	83.8	83.3
TSB Trust		
Extra Inc	a84.4	89.9
General	118.7	176.3
do Acc	188.3	200.3
Income	155.8	163.8
do Acc	232.2	244.9
Int'l	225.7	241.2
do Acc	273.5	271.0
Pacific	103.9	117.0
Select Opn	a40.2	43.2
do Acc	49.7	52.9
Vanguard Trust		
Vanguard Grth	126.2	135.8
do Acc	185.1	193.1
Vang High Yld	140.8	148.3
Vang Trust	98.1	103.2
do Acc	141.9	149.3
Wardley Unit Trust Managers		
American	61.9	66.6
Australian	37.5	40.3
Nat. Res.	50.0	53.2
Far East	65.7	69.9
Income	a58.4	62.3
Japan	62.8	67.4
Small Cos	a109.8	118.1
Technol	33.1	35.6
UK Trust	96.4	102.6

a Ex Dividend
b Offer assented
c Non assented
d Ex capital
e Ex rights
f Price adjusted
pp Part Paid

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British Funds		
(short) Treasury		
3pc 89	79⅛	
3pc 1985	98 63/64	+5/64
9¼pc 88C	96⅞	+11/16
11½pc 1985	99 11/16	
(medium) Transport		
3pc 78-88	83⅛	
Treasury		
10pc C86	98½	+¼
Exchequer		
10pc 1989	84¾	+1
10½pc 1987	pp29¼	
10¼pc 1988	a97¾	+¼
11pc 1990	98¼	+5/16
11pc 1991	a97½	+¾
11¾pc 1986	100¼	+1/16
12¼pc 1985	100	+1/16
12¼pc 1990	103¾	+1
13¼pc 1987	102 9/16	+¼
10½pc 1987	a95¾	+⅛
13¼pc 1992	110¼	+¾
13¾pc 1994	a110¼	+1
14pc 1986	a103¼	+¼
2½pc 1986	90⅞	+¼
Funding		
5¼pc 87-91	a82¼	+¼
6¼pc 85-87	a92¼	+¼
Treasury		
10pc 1987	97¼	+¼
2pc IL 88	110⅞	+¼
10½pc 1989	98⅞	+1
3pc 1987	87¾	+¼
5pc 1986	a94¼	+1/16
5pc 86-89	a82¼	+¼
7¾pc 85-88	92⅛	
8¼pc 87-90	92⅜	+¼
10pc 90C	a93⅞	+⅛
8¼pc 84-86	98⅜	+¼
9¼pc C89	a93¾	+5/16
10pc 1992	96¾	+¼
10pc C92	a95¼	+¼
10¼pc 97C	97 13/16	+¼
11½pc 1989	99⅞	-¼
11¾pc 1991	103¼	+¼
12pc 1986	100¼	-1/16
13pc 1990	105¼	+1
(long) Exchequer		
10½pc 1995	95⅞	+¼
10½pc 1997	97⅛	+¾
12pc 1998	111	+¼
12pc 99-02	109⅞	+¼
12pc 13-17	119¼	+¾
12½pc 1992	105¼	+¼
12½pc 1999	109¼	+¾
12¾pc 1994	107¼	+¾
13¼pc 1996	a111¼	+¼
15pc 1997	a122¼	+¼
9¾pc 1998	93¼	+¼
9¾pc 98A	94¼	+¾
Funding		
6pc 1993	78¾	+¾
3½pc 99-04	49⅞	+¼
Treasury		
2pc IL 1996	110⅜	+¼
2½pc IL 2003	99⅞	+¼
2pc IL 2006	102⅝	+¼
2½pc IL 16	94¾	+¼
5½pc 08-12	60⅞	+¼
8pc 95-8	73½	+¾
7¾pc 12-15	80⅜	+¼
8pc 02-06	a87⅜	+¼
8¾pc 1997	88⅞	+¼
9pc 1994	97¼	+¼
9pc 1992-6	88	+¼
9¼pc 99	92⅞	+¼
10¼pc 99C	99⅞	+¼
10¼pc 1999	a98⅞	+1¼
11½pc 01-04	108¼	+¾
11¾pc 03-07	111¼	+¾
12pc 1995	105¼	+¾
12pc 1987	a101¼	+¼
12½pc 1993	108¾	+¾
12½pc 2005	119⅛	+¾
12¾pc 1992	109	+¾
12¾pc 1995	a107⅞	+¾
13pc 2000	117¼	+¾
13¼pc 1997	116	+¾
13¾pc 04-08	128¼	+¾
2pc IL 2009	99⅞	+¾

2½pc IL 2011	104⅛	+¼
2½pc IL 2013	£83⅞	+¼
14½pc 1993	117¼	-1
13¾pc 00-03	122⅞	+¾
14pc 1996	118⅜	+¼
14pc 98-01	123⅜	+¼
14¼pc 1994	119	+1
15¼pc 1996	a122¾	-¼
15¼pc 1998	a123¼	+¼
2½pc 2020	a92¼	-¼
Redemption		
3pc 86-96	74⅛	+¼
Gas		
3pc 90-05	a67½	+¼
(undated) Consols		
2½pc	a24¾	
4pc	39¾	+¼
Conversion		
3½pc	43½	+¼
9½pc 01	£85¼	+¾
10pc 02	95¾	+¾
Treasury		
2½pc	24¼	
3pc	a29⅞	+¼
War Loan		
3½pc	36	+¼
Commnwlth Bonds		
NZ		
7½pc 83-86	£96¾	
S. Rhodesia		
2½pc 65-70.	£180	
Corps & Boards		
Man Corp		
3pc 28	£24¼	
Met Water		
3pc 'B'	£38¼	
Banks & Disc Hses		
Allied Irish	96	+5
Ansbacher H.	80	
ANZ Gp.	250	
Bank Ireland	235	
Bnk Scot	458	
Barclays Bnk	a337	
Brown Ship.	385	
Cater Allen	523	-10
Clive Dis	53	-2
First Nat.	83	
Gerrard & Nt	357	-7
Goode D&M	94	
Guinness Pt	72	
Hambros Shr	156	
Hill Sam	303	
H.K. & Shai	92¼	+½
King & Sx	179	-2
Kleinwort	a460	
Lloyds	532	
Mercury Sec.	433	
Midland	327	+3
Nat West	571	-2
Rea Bros-A	73	
Ryl Bk Scot	a270	-4
Schroders	a753	
S. St. Asb	61	-2
Std Chtrd.	474	
Union Dis	733	-10
Westpac	188	-2
Wintrust	260	
Financial Trusts		
Armour Tst.	20	
Aust Agr	265	
Brit Arrow	94	
Daily M Tr A	£12⅞	
Dalgety	473	
Exco	673	-5
Inchcape	395	-3
Lon Inv Tst	26½	
M & G Hldgs	55	
Manson Fin.	25	
Martin RP	445	
Nash Secs	35	

Prov Fin	a215	
Rothschild	108	+1
Sime Darby	69	
Smith Bros.	98	
Wagon Fin.	74	
Breweries		
Ald Lyons	173	
Bass	537	-2
Bell A	136	
Belhaven	53	
Bodd Brew	a72	
Brown M	416	-2
Bulmer HP	124	
Davenport	243	
Devenish	565	
Distillers	277	
Forshaws	440	
Greenall W.	162	
Greene King	152	
Guinness	241	-3
Highland Dis	71	
Higsons Brew	120	
Invergordon	a127	
Marston Thsr	65	
Scot Nw Bws	128	+1
Try City Lnd	81	
Vaux Brew	293	
Whitbread A.	185	-1
Whitbrd Inv.	168	
Wolver & Dud	308	
Comm & Ind		
AAH	a134	
AC Cars	45	
AGB Res	242	
AI Ind	40	+1
APV Hdgs	233	
Aaronson	e93	+1
Advest	156	+2
Alcan Al	£18⅞	-¼
Allen WG	Suspended	
All Colloid	218	
All Plant	22	
Amber Day	10	
AMEC	240	+1
Amersham	333	
Amstrad	a66	
Anchor Ch	243	-2
Ang TV-A	a120	
Ang-A Ind	a£10¼	+¼
Appleyard	a50	
Aranson	29	
Argyll Grp	283	+6
Arlington	170	
Ansta Eq.	334	-2
Arncliffe	48	
Ash & Lacy	385	
Ass Book	455	+2
Ass B Eng	10	-1
Ass B Fds	218	
AB Ports	262	+8
Ass Dairies	158	+2
Ass Eng	143	
Ass Fish	109	
Ass News	880	-5
Ass Paper	194	
Astra	71	-1
Audiotrnics	5¼	
Ault & W	42	
Auto Prod	60	-1
Avana	597	
Avon Rbr	301	+23
BAT Ind	330	-3
BBA	a72	-1
BPB Ind	251	
BSR	115	+4
BTR	a559	+2
Babcock	152	
Bailey B	27	
Bailey CH	20¼	-1
Baird (W)	370	+22
Bairstow	a77	
Baker P	190	-1
Barro	113	
Barbican	31	
Barker, Dob	71	
Barr & W A	96	
Barratt Dv	72	-2
Barrow Hp	a43	
Bassett (G)	183	-2
Beatson Ck	a151	
Beattie A	135	-1
Beazer	416	
Beckman (A)	92	
Beecham	360	+2
Bejam	a171	+1
Benrose	148	-2

Bentalls	97	-4
Bersfd SW	760	
Berisfords	102	
Bespak	a195	
Bestobell	230	
Betec	80	
Bett Bros	62	-2
Bibby (J)	a240	
BICC	253	+3
Biddle	183	
Billam J	103	
Birmid Q	25¼	-1
B'ham Mint	205	
BL Ord	37	
Black P	a223	+8
Blkwd Hdg	26¼	-2
Blagden Inds	108	
Bluebird	73	
Blue Circle	493	+8
Blundell P	128	+2
BOC Grp	275	
Bolton Txt	19	-1
Booker M	251	+5
Boosey H	134	
Boots	173	+1
Borthwick	35	+1
Boulton W	82	
Bowater	246	
Bowthorpe	429	
Braithwaite	122	
Brammer	300	+8
Brasway	58	
Brick Dud	a61	
Bridon	138	
Br Aero	433	+3
Br BZ Chm	13	
Br Car A	90	
BET dfd	285	-3
BHS	278	+8
Br Mohair	118	
BPC	193	+1
Br Tar Prd	92	+3
Br Vending	a57	
Br Vita	a207	+2
Bronx Eng	a15¼	
Brook St	113	
Brown & J	15	
Bro Bv Knt	89	
Brown J	32	
Brown T'wse	125	+1
Brunning	144	-1
Bruntons (M)	61	-2
Bryant	72	+2
BSG Intl	22¼	+1
Bullough	a265	+4
Bulmer, Lb	75	
Bunzl	a460	-3
Burnette Hl	55	+7
Burns And	52	
Burton Ord	475	+5
Bt'fld Hvy	26	
Cable Wire	555	
Cbury Sch	152	-1
Cam Elec Ind	a315	+2
Canford	39¼	-½
Canning W	102	+1
Cape Inds	47	
Carclo Eng	253	
Carless Cpl	148	+5
Carpets Int	58	
Carr (J)	56	
Carrs Mill	129	
Casket S	45	
Castings	60	
Cattle's	a29¼	
Caus Rod	65½	
Cen & Shr	5¼	-½
Central TV	183	+2
C.H. Inds	55	-1
Ch'lain Php	51	-2
Cham Tan	150	-10
Chloride	33	-1
Christie Tyl	423	
Christies In	538	-8
Clay (R)	98	+1
Clyde Bwrs	125	
Coalite Ch	226	-1
Coates Ord	170	
Coates 'A'	139	
Coats Pats	144	
600 Group	108	+1
Collins Ord	790	
Collins 'A'	550	-3
Combon	77	
Comb Eng	118	+1
Case	299	-10
Concentric	70	
Cookson	693	+5
Cooper Ind	111	
Cope Allman	182	-1
Corah	a71	-1
Cosalt	58	
Costain Grp	358	
Countryside	222	
Court Furn	a160	
Courtaulds	145	+2
Cwn de Gt	38	
Crest N'son	a92	+1

Croda Intl	a135	
do dfd	94	-1
Crown Hse	154	
Crystalate	168	
DRG	181	+1
Dale Elec	69	
Daks Swtn	Suspended	
DPCE	a480	
Davis, HM	155	
Davies (G)	117	
Davy Corp	109	+1
Owns Int	270	-2
De La Rue	860	+3
Debenhams	244	
Dee Corp	213	+2
Delta Met	156	+5
Dartford St.	143	-2
Desoutter	173	+2
Dewhirst	83	
Dewhurst & P	37	
Diamond S	33	
Dixons Grp	647	
Dobson Pk	82	
Dom Hlds	76	
Dominion In	85	+1
Douglas R	61	
Dwdg Mills	77	
Dowty	208	
Dubilier	188	-2
Dufay Bit	42	+1
Dunhill	288	
Dunlop	64½	
Duport	32	+1½
ERF	38	
Estn Price	338	-7
Edbro	141	
Elbar Ind	30	
Elico Hdgs	a91	
EIS	193	
Elect Cmpts	275	+2
Elect Mchs	54	
Elect Rents	43	-1
Elliot B	77	
Ellis & Evd	242	-2
Ellis, Gold	85	-1
Elswick-H	10	
Emess Light	230	
Emray	18½	+1
Empire Sts	122	+4
Eng China	298	+2
Erith	64	
Eur Ferries	139½	+1
do 5pc Pref	102	-1
Eurotherm	360	
Excalibur	10½	
Extel	330	+20
Exp Metal	108	
Farnell El	182	+2
FEB Intl	108	
Fenner	130	+2
Ferranti	146	+4
Ferguson	130	
Fine Art	81	
Finlan J	91	
Finlay J	140	
First Castle	120	
First Leisure	275	
Fisons	e308	
Fitch Lvll	212	
Fleet	271	-5
Folkes HV	25¼	
Ford (Mtr)	a40	+1
Formminster	153	
Foseco M	232	
Foster Bros	213	+1
Fothergill	160	+1
Freemans	210	+2
Friedland DG	198	
French T	68	
French Kir	119	
Galliford	69	
Garford L	98	
Gartan Eng	62	+1
Geers G	132	-4
GEI Intl	88	
Gen Elect	186	+2
Gestetner	a105	+1
Gill & Duff	149	-1
Glaxo	£10 51/64	+1/64
Gleeson	219	-2
Glynwed	165	
Golding (A)	43	
Gnome	40	
Grampian	125	
Granada	192	
Grand Met	293	+2
Grattan W	a210	+6
GUS Ord	795	
GUS 'A'	774	+2
Greenbank	26	-1
Greenfield	41½	
Grovebell	13	-8
GKN	a232	+1
HAT Grp	92	-2
HTV NV	a125	
Habitat M	334	-2
Hadell	303	+2
Hall Eng	142	+2
Hall (Mat)	310	+2

Halma	228	-5
Halstead J	89	
Hampson	24	
Hanson Tr	203	-1
Hargreaves	105	
Harris Qwy	186	
Hav & Cross	425	
Hartwells	94	
Hawker S	437	+26
Hawtin	a18½	-2
Hpwth Cer	135	
Hpwth Ord	189	
Hestair	72	
Hewden S	42	-2
Hicking P	a60	
Hickson	485	
Higgs & H	328	+5
Hill & Sm	d66	
Hillards	330	-2
Hollas Gp	21	
Hollis Bros	66	
Holt Lloyd	82	
Home Charm	328	
Hopkinson	166	
Horizon Tvl	133	+15
Hse of Frs	a396	
Hse of Lrs	a117	
How'd Mac	13	
Howden Gp	a92	
Ibstock Jsn	298	-5
Illwth Mrs	71	
Illwth Mrs A	70	
ICI	747	
IMI	110	+2
Imp Gp	187	+1
Ingram H	110	
Initial	521	
Int Thom Org	499	
Jacques	67	-2
J'son Clrs	444	
Johnson FB	17½	
J'son Mthy	70	
Johnston	215	+3
Jones & Sh	a70½	+1
Jones E	88	
Jones Strd	a30	
Jourdan T	a126	
Kalamazoo	27	+1
Kennedy B	a280	+2
Kenning	107	
Kwikfit	38	-1
Kwik Save	186	-2
LCP	129	-1
LRC Int	106	
Ladbroke	243	+1
Ladies Pr	a22	+½
Laing-'A'	211	
Laird Group	170	+2
Lake & Elt	79	
Lambt Hwth	210	
Laporte Ind	405	
Lawtex	70	
Lep Grp	250	
Lex Service	a222	+3
Leyland Pt	Suspended	
Lilley FJC	63	-3
Linread	29	
Lister	49	
Lloyd (FH)	57½	
Locker Thos	24	
Logica	287	-4
Lon & Midl	189	
Lon Nor G	83	
Lon Pk Htl	358	
Longton	95	+1
Lonrho	179	+2
Lookers	a87	
Lovell YJ	204	
Low & Bonar	a388	
Low (Wm)	601	
Lowe R H	25	
Lucas Inds	269	+1
MCD Grp	101	+1
MFI Furn	235	-10
MK Elec	273	
MY Dart	24	+½
Macarthys	173	-2
McC'dale	163	
Mackay (H)	a87	
McKechnie	144	
Magnet, S	122	
Mngmt Ag	Suspended	
Mchstr Ship	318	
Manders	174	
Mang Brz	a63	
Manor Ntrs	10½	
Marks & Spn	143	+1
Marley	a85	
Marling Ind	80	
Marshalls H	a233	
Marsh'l Un	65	
Mn-Black	Suspended	
Martin (A)	62	
Martonair	350	
Matthews B	314	
Maunders J	a127	
May & Hassl	90	
Maynards	250	
McAlpine	234	

Menzies J	266	
Metal Box	383	+7
Metal Clos	152	+3
Metalrax	a72	
Metamec	Suspended	
Meyer	121	-2
Miller S	74	-1
Millets	126	
Ms Intl	41	
M & Allen	365	
Mitchell CT	a69½	
Molins	140	
Monk A	121	
More O'Fl	83	
Morgan Cr	a202	
Moss Bros	370	+20
Mowlem	200	+2
Muirhead	a132	-4
Myson Grp	76	
NSS News	110	
Neepsend	15½	
Neil & Sper	32	-1
Neill J	144	
Newarthill	615	
Newman-T	87	
Newmark	205	
News Intl	a695	
Nichols Vim	a230	
Norcros	148	-1
North Eng	80	
N. Foods	228	
Norton Opax	128	+2
Nova Kit	Suspended	
Notts Manfg	206	-2
Nurdin & P	178	
Octopus Gp	998	-14½
Office & El	165	
Ogilvy Mat	£32¼	-¼
Owen O	178	
Oxford Ins	285	-1
Parker Kn 'A'	a178	+2
Pkind Text	105	
Paterson Z	a150	
do 'A'	a148	
Pauls & W	366	
Pearson (S)	726	+3
Peel Hldgs	a370	+5
Peerless	90	
Pegler-Htly	280	-2
Pentl'd Inds	587	+3
Pentos	41½	-1
Petbow Hold	52	
Philcom	39	
Philips	£13½	+¼
Phoenix Tmb	126	
Photo-Me	£11¼	
Pifco Hldg	a140	
Pilkington	278	-5
Pittard	a109	
Planet Grp	63	
Platignum	10½	-¼
Plaxton's	76	
Pleasurama	436	+1
Plessey	a200	+4
Plysu	212	-2
Pochins	190	
Portals	540	
Porter Chad	113	
Powell Duff	d263	+3
Preedy	108	
Pressac	88	-5
Priest (B)	9½	-1
PoW Htls	94	-1
Pritchard	97	
Prop Rev	182	
Queens Moat	55	+1
Quick H & J	47	
Rea Hldgs	a254	
Racal Elect	202	+6
Ramar Txt	20¼	
Rank Org	a355	+5
Ranks Hov	152	+6
RHP	107	
Ransom S J	a548	
Ratclf (FS)	83	
Raybeck	25	
Readicut	30	-½
Reckitt & C	533	-2
Redfearn	71	
Redland	280	-2
Redman Hn	Suspended	
Reed (A)-A	107	
Reed Exec	128	
Reed Int	550	-4
Renold	e48¼	
Rentokil	a772	
Renwick	145	
Restmore	120	
Reuters	a380	-1
Rexmore	22½	
RFD Grp	95	
Rich Leics	38	
Rich West	19	
RMC Gp	362	-4
Roberts Adlg	105	
Rhm (Ths)	58	
Rock PLC	10½	

Rockware	48	
Ropner H	161	
Rotaflex	162	+2
Rothmans In	171	+1
Rowlinson	32	
Rown Mack	390	
Ruberoid	203	+5
Rugby P C	129	
S & U Strs	19	
SGB Grp	162	+2
Saatchi C	a885	
Sainsbury J	324	
Sale Tilney	a593	
Samuel-A	80	
Sandhurst	72	
Sangers	e64	
Sadlle G	89	
Savoy-'A'	356	
Scapa Group	460	
Scholes	a465	
SEET	164	
Scotcros	Suspended	
Sears Hdgs	82	+½
Securicor	234	
Securicor A	234	
Security S	234	
Seker Intl	48	-1
Sellacourt	24½	-½
Senior Eng	24	
Sharna	56	
Shaw Cat	39	
Shiloh Spn	45	
Sidlaw	156	-2
Silentnight	a36	
Simon Eng	238	
Sirdar	a127	
Sketchley	344	
Smith DS	125	-1
Smith Hlgs	43	
Smith&Neph	228	+2
Smith WH	208	+4
Smiths Inds	201	-2
Smurfit (J)	122	
Sols' Law	40	-1
Sprw GW	35	
Spr & Jckn	142	+2
Spirax-Sarco	280	-2
Squirrel H	27	
Staff Potts	73	-2
Stag Furn	52	
Stakis (R)	d62	
STC	e794	
Stanley AG	53	
Star Comp	60	+2
Staveley Ind	314	
Std Sim-A	183	
Steel Bros	530	-8
Steetley	301	-1
Steinberg	64	
Stewart Pl	99	+2
String Grp	78	
Stocklake	150	
Stoth & Ptt	d145	+12
Strong & F	a136	-2
Sumner	9	
Sunbeam Wo	60	
Sutcliffe	30	
Sycamore	23	
TI Group	a236	+2
TACE	472	
Tarmac	522	
Tate & Lyle	420	+2
Tav Rstl	47	
Taylor Woo	368	
Telefusion	29	
Tele Rents	193	-3
Tesco	256	+2
Text Jersey	71	
Thorn	404	+7
Thgr Brdr	17½	
Tomkins FH	185	+1
Tootal	75	+6
Tn Hotspur	a74	
TZ Kn Ml	32	
Trafgr Hse	a335	
Trans Dv	a123	
Travis & A	238	
Trinity	a245	
Triplex FS	36	
Trusthouse	138	
Turner & N	97	
Turriff	327	
UBM	185	
UKO Int	123	
Unigate	152	+2
Unilever	£11 29/64	
Utd Bisc	e178	
Utd Parcels	91	
Utd News	303	
Utd Scient	180	
Utd Wire	128	
Valor	a210	-2
Vantona	321	
VG Ins	284	
Vibroplant	156	
Vickers	a270	+1
Vict Carpt	41	
Volex	128	
WGI	78	

Wadd J	605	
Wade Potts	143	
Wadkin	141	+3
Wagon Ind	132	
Ward Hldgs	172	-1
Ward White	240	
Waring & G	a147	
Waterford	47	-1
Watts	248	
Wedgwood	194	
Weir Group	55	+1
Wellman Eng	74	
Westland	110	+3
Wettern	66	
Whessoe	164	
Whitecroft	136	
W'sale Ftt	268	+3
Widney	28	+1
Wigfall (H)	e108	
Wilkes (J)	a280	
Wilms Cdf	19½	
Wilms Hdgs	258	-9
Wimpey G	105	
Wolsy-Hughs	333	
Wolst Bz	a323	+2
Woodhead	22	
Wilkes & Rt	a27	
Woolworth	784	+7
Yks Chem	a72	-1
Insurance		
Alexander	£23 9/16	-7/16
Britannic	689	
Comm Un	a274	-3
Equity & L	238	+3
Genl Accdt	583	+2
GRE	658	+7
Heath C E	610	
Hogg Rob's	273	-3
Legl & Gn	660	
Lon & Mnr	714	+2
Lon Utd	290	
Marsh & McL	a£52¼	-¼
Minet Hldgs	285	-4
Pearl	£11 9/16	+19/64
Prudential	625	+4
Refuge	a343	
Royal	a576	+3
Sedgwick	a371	
S. Wrtgtn	584	+2
Sun Al & L	446	+5
Sun Life	824	+10
Trade Indem	330	
Willis Fabr	642	-10
Windsor Sec	68	
Investment Trusts		
Alliance Trst	a643	-8
Amr. Tr	130	-2
AA Secs C	d130	
Ashdown	a270	
Atlas AT	119	+1
Bankers In	94	-1
Brit Amer	a101	
Brit Assets	a183	-1
Brit IT	238	-5
City & Cml	a34¼	
Cons Vent	100	-4
Derby Inc	98	
Derby Cap	96	-1
Drayton Japn	376	-2
Drayton Cons	284	-1
Drayton Prem	390	
Edin Am	a198	
Electra	119	
Eng & Int	245	-1
F&C Pac	147	-1
F & C Allian	90	+1
Family IT	a270	-2
First Union	a180	
Fleming F.E	279	-3
Fleming Mer	a113	+1
Fleming Ovs	109	
Fleming Tech	147	-1
For & Col	136	+1
Fundinvest	421	
Fundinvest C	303	-3
Gen Funds	595	-3
Gen Stock	154	
Globe IT	262	
Hambros	150	-1
Hill (P) IT	235	+1
Inv In Suc	a520	
Jove Cap	17½	
do Inc	a61½	-½
Law Deb C	a172	
Ldn, Gar	295	
Lon W Sec	75	

M & G Inc	298	
M & G Cap	462	
Merchants	a91	
Murray Inc	112	
do 'B'	109	-1
Murray Grth	a90	
Murray Int	a174	-1
Murray SML	166	-4
do 'B'	162	-4
Murray Vent	286	
N'Thr Inc	38½	
N'Thr Cap	29¼	
River & M	113	
Robeco	£16½	+¼
Rolinco	£15¼	
Scot Amer Ir	217	
Scot North	122	-1
Sec Alliance	546	-2
Shires IT	a234	
Smaller CPS	71	
Stockhldrs	125	
Tr Aust IT	92	+1
Tr Ind Gen	143	
Tr Tech IT	86	-1
Tr Tr Trustee	126	-1
Throgm Tr	233	
Trprest Inc	79½	+½
Trprest Cap	710	-5
Viking	78	
SA Mines		
AA Corp	$14¼	+½
AA Gold	a$93¼	+¼
Blyvoor GM	$8 5/16	
Bracken M	a200	
Buffs GM	$45¼	+¼
Doornfntn	$17⅞	+⅜
Driefontein	$28⅛	+⅜
E Rand Pr	$3¼	
Fr Stt Ged	$30⅛	+1
Gencor	e$14¼	+¼
GFSA	$17⅞	
Great Prop	$10½	+½
Harmony	a$16¼	+½
Hartebeest G	643c	
Jeburg C In	$100½	+1
Kloof GM	[illegible]	
Leslie GM	a300c	+5
Loraine	430c	+10
Mid Wit W	$13	+1½
Pres Brand	$31	+1
Pres Steyn	$33½	+1
Randfontn	$119½	+1½
St Helena	$18⅛	+½
SA Land	295c	-5
Stifnt GM	$9½	
Vaal Reefs	$105	
Venst GM	$10⅞	+⅞
Vlkfntein	198c	+8
Welkom	$8 11/16	+¼
W Rand C	$5 9/16	+¼
W Deep L	$49	+1
Westn Hgs	$37	+2
Winkelhk	a539	
Mining		
A-A Inv T	£47	+2½
Ayer Htm	260	-5
Br Hill Prp	353	-2
CharterCon	196	-2
Cons Gold	a562	+5
Cons Murch	643	+1
De Beers Pr	£61	
Hmp GMA	a205	
M'bay T Dr	45	-1
Mssa (Tr)	93	+5
MTD (Man)	15	
Nth B Hill	145	-4
Rio Tinto Z	644	
Tronoh Mns	280	-5
Vogels MT	700	
W Mining Cr	229	-1
Zbian Cop In	17½	
New Issues		
BR Telecom	138	
Jaguar	303	
Osprey	75	
Our Price	373	
Robertson R	241	-3

a Ex dividend
b Offer assented
c Non assented
d Ex capital
e Ex rights
f Price adjusted
pp Part Paid

Oil		
Amil Pet	48	
Brit Brnes	313	
Bristol	23	
BP	a536	
Britoil	a213	
Burmah	232	+11
Century	82	
Charterhall	53	
C'house Pet	108	
Clyde Pet	91	-5
Enterprise	207	
Hunting Pt	140	-2
Imp C Gas	328	-7
LASMO Ops	520	+20
LASMO Ord	520	+2
Pretecon	a188	-2
Premier Con	e52	+5½
Ryl Dutch	£46 13/16	+1
Shell Trns	a716	
Tricentrol	a255	-1
Ultramar	a243	+3
Property		
Allied Lond'n	105	
Bellway	114	
Bilton (P)	230	

Bradford Pre	400	-5
Brit Land	142	+1
Brixtn Est	151	
Cap & Cnt	209	
Ctrvcl Est	a215	-3
Chesterfield	450	-5
Connells Est	118	-5
Control Sec I	32	-½
Daejan	375	
Est Pro Inv	148	
Evans-Leeds	71	
Grt Port E	150	
Greycoat	210	
Hmrson-A	455	
Haslemere	474	+2
Laing Prop	a273	-2
Land Sec	283	
Lynton	316	
Marlborough	55½	
MEPC	303	-1
Mountleigh	a385	
Mountview	320	
Muckiow	80	-1
Peachey Pr	a248	
Prop Hldg	124	
Prop Sec In	123	-2
Raglan	81	
Rush & T	238	
Samuel Prop	151	
Scot Met P	86	
Slough Ests	132	
Starling	67	
Stock Conv	466	+18

Traffd Pk	a203	
Utd Real	525	
Warnford	420	
Webb (J)	a21	
Rubber		
Barlow Hlds	a105	
Grnd Cent	11	
High & Low	a63	-1
Shipping		
Br & Com	286	-2
Common Br	93	
Hunts G	92	
IOM Stm	108	
Jacobs (J)	57½	
LOFS	21	
Ocean T & T	189	+1
P & O Dfd	a340	
Reardon 'A'	5	-1
Runciman	91	
Tea & Coffee		
Camellia	a£22	
Lawrie	£17⅛	-½

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

TOURIST RATES — BANK SELLS

Austria	26.45	Greece	166	Portugal	203
Belgium	76.00	Ireland	1.20	Spain	207
Canada	1.69	Italy	2,405	Sweden	11.04
Denmark	13.57	Malta	0.56	Switzerland	3.15
France	11.49	Netherlands	4.26	USA	1.24
Germany	3.76	Norway	10.92	Yugoslavia	295

STERLING RATES

	Closing Market Rates	Previous Closing Rates	FORWARD RATES (One month)
Australia	1.8585–1.8625	1.8570–1.8660	
Austria	26.90–27.01	26.94–27.64	13.875 to 12.125 grn prem
Belgium	77.15–77.40	77.21–77.53	27c to 12c premium
Canada	1.7071–1.7123	1.7015–1.7067	0.4sc to 0.27c premium
Denmark	13.79–13.83	13.75–13.79	2.625 to 2.125 ore premium
France	11.69–11.73	11.68–11.75	2.875c to 1.75c premium
Germany	3.83–3.84	3.83–3.84	2.875 to 1.875 pfg. prem.
Greece	NA	165.18–168.84	
Hong Kong	9.70–9.72	9.71–9.73	
Ireland	1.2270–1.2280	1.2274–1.2280	
Italy	2,445–2,462	2,446–2,462	Par to 5 lire discount
Japan	314–315	313–314	
Netherlands	4.32–4.34	4.32–4.34	2.625c to 1.625c premium
Norway	11.09–11.12	11.06–11.10	1.125 ore prem. to 0.25 dis.
Portugal	214.09–218.20	215.56–219.65	170 to 555 escudos discount
Spain	213.87–214.40	214.14–214.86	
Sweden	11.20–11.24	11.16–11.20	0.25 ore premium to 1.125 dis.
Switzerland	3.22–3.23	3.23–3.24	2.5c to 1.5c premium
USA	1.2520–1.2540	1.2460–1.2480	0.44c to 0.41c premium

Dollar cross rates against: Swiss franc 2.57; French franc 9.34; DM 3.06; yen 251.10.

INTEREST RATES

UK HIGH STREET %

Bank deposit: 7–7.5 net
Bank base rate: 12.75–13
Bank overdraft: 15.75–18
Building society mortgage: 13
Building society: 7.75 net
Finance house rate: 12.5

UK MONEY MARKETS

	7 Day	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months
Treasury bill	—	12½	12¼	—
Eligible bills	—	12⅛	12⅛	—
Interbank Rate	13⅛	12 13/16	12 11/16	11 7/8
Discount Market	12⅝	—	—	12¼

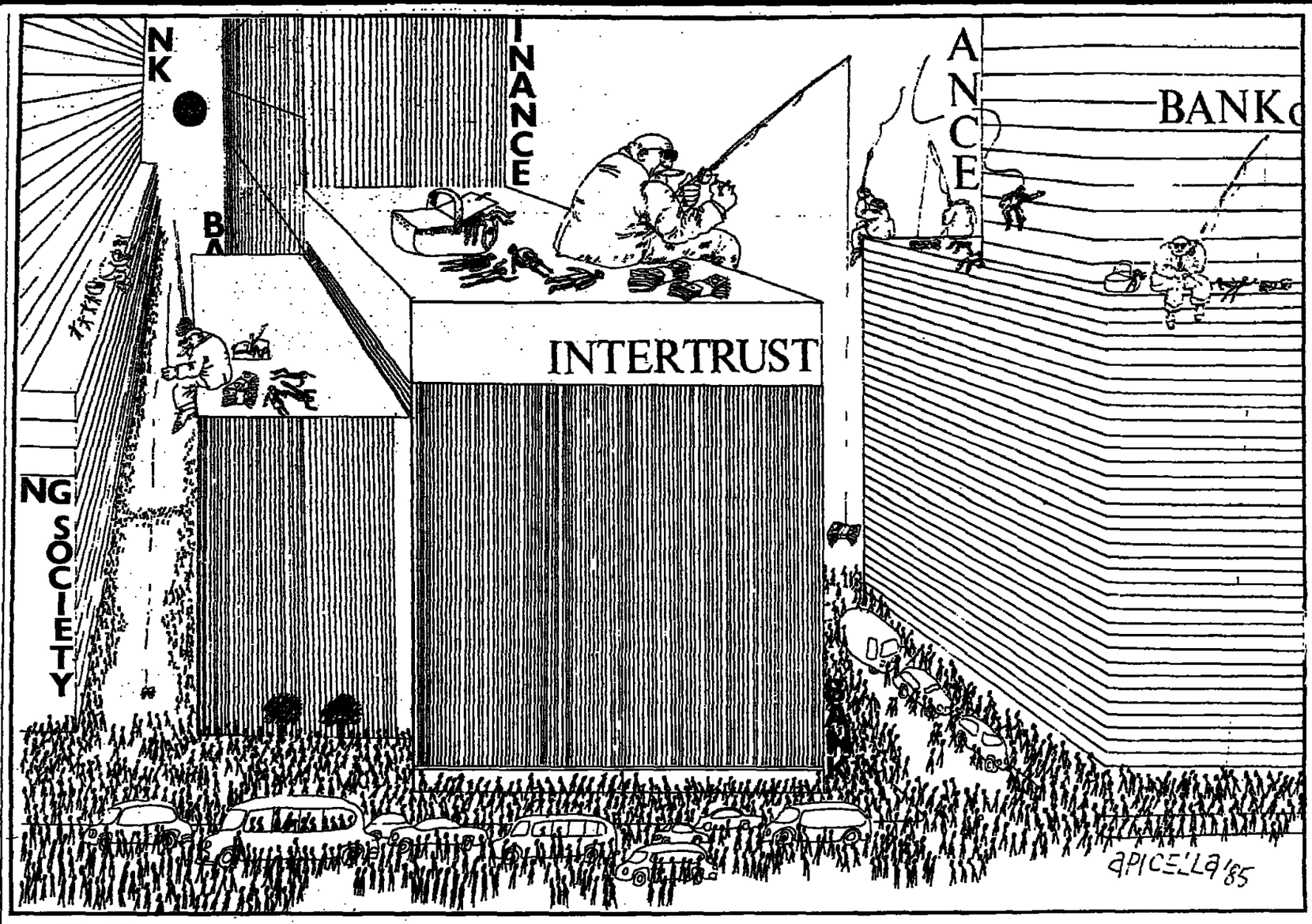
INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months
Eurodollar	8 11/16	8 13/16	9¼
Euro DM	5 13/16	6	6 1/16
Euro Fr fr	10 5/16	10½	11½
Euro SW fr	5⅛	5 5/16	5½

US INTEREST RATES: Federal Funds 8 13/16. US prime rates 10½

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The umbrella as a tax shelter

Provided the Revenue doesn't turn nasty, offshore umbrella funds offer a distinct advantage when it comes to capital gains tax. That is provided you have enough money to buy into them in the first place. Christine Stopp unfurls the details

THE TERM "umbrella fund" has been around for about a year, and refers to unit trust-type investments comprising a number of sub-funds. There are two main objectives in setting up such funds: one is to allow easy and cheap switching from one investment area to another. The other is to enable investors to make switches like this without becoming liable to capital gains tax.

This was the expected, and widely advertised, attraction of the Arbuthnot Portfolio Trust, an authorised unit trust launched last spring. The trust brought together four portfolios — North America, Europe, the UK and Japan — and one switch a year is permitted between them without charge. According to counsel's opinion at the time of launch, switches within the trust's different portfolios would not incur CGT.

Unfortunately, the Revenue didn't see it that way. There followed a legal battle between them and Arbuthnot, and it was the tax man who recently emerged triumphant. Just as if they were separate unit trusts, there will still be a CGT liability on switches between the trust's different portfolios.

This fact does not leave the Arbuthnot trust altogether without advantages. The UK, North American and Japan portfolios have performed *well over their life to date*, and that is, after all, the most fundamental thing to look for in an investment.

The Arbuthnot judgment has made them feel a lot less secure

The front end fee, at 3.5 per cent, is a lot lower than the typical 5 per cent on ordinary unit trusts, but the annual management fee is 2.5 per cent, compared to the more normal 0.75-1 per cent. The minimum investment in the trust is £2,500, which is very high for a unit trust, but logical, given that you are buying into several different portfolios at once.

Many unit trust groups were awaiting the outcome of the Arbuthnot case with keen interest. If the tax advantage *had remained, umbrella* funds, so to speak, would have mushroomed. As it is, the natural home of the umbrella *fund is now offshore where, it* would appear, switches can still be made without a CGT liability.

Several reputable UK groups — notably Gartmore, Guinness Mahon and Schroder — have Channel Islands subsidiaries which offer this kind of fund. Offshore funds are usually constituted in a rather different way from UK unit trusts, and it is this that makes all the difference where tax is concerned. Whereas in a unit *trust you hold units, an* offshore fund is legally a company in which you hold shares. The business of the company *is to invest in a* stated type of market. The managers of the investments will often be advised by the parent company in London, so management of the offshore fund may be very similar to that of the same group's unit trust investing in the same market.

An offshore umbrella fund is a company whose brief is to *invest in a number of* different markets. When you switch between its different portfolios, you are exchanging *one class of shares* for another within the same company.

Because of this technicality, the offshore groups believe that their UK investors will not have a CGT liability when they switch from, say, Japan to the US. The Arbuthnot judgment, however, has made them feel a lot less secure on this point, and it may be some *time before the position is* clear.

There is no doubt, of course, that the UK investor will have to pay capital gains tax when he redeems his shares altogether. Even this is only a problem if you have a very large amount of money invested, or need to sell all your shares in one go. Because there is an annual CGT exemption of £5,900 for the new tax year, and effective gains are further reduced by the indexation provisions, *it is possible to husband gains* in a tax-free manner by progressively redeeming, year by year, only amounts which *fall inside the exempt limit.*

Though this investment does not free you of capital gains tax altogether, it enables you to manage the liability very effectively, and means there is no CGT disincentive attached to an investment decision to switch from one market to another. If you are likely within the next few years to cease to be liable to UK tax — for instance, if you are intending to retire abroad — such funds allow you to hold off capital gains tax *liability until* you find yourself outside the UK tax net.

A further advantage of offshore umbrella funds is the wide range of investment areas they cover. Unlike unit trusts, which are at present limited to investing in stocks and shares, offshore funds can also invest in currencies. The Guinness Mahon Global Strategy Fund has 16 classes *of shares, including eight in* equities, four "money funds" in US dollars, sterling, yen and deutschmarks, three *fixed interest and a managed* currency fund, where the managers choose which currencies to invest in on the shareholders' behalf.

For the reason mentioned earlier, minimum investments on these funds tend to be high. The minimum for Gartmore's Capital Strategy Fund (13 share classes) is $25,000. Schroder's Portfolio Selection Fund carries a *minimum of* $2,000 (18 share classes), and Guinness Mahon undoubedly looks most accessible to the smaller investor *with a £1,000 minimum.*

The Guinness Mahon fund also has a low initial charge — *2.5 per cent — and this is* waived altogether if the initial investment exceeds £30,000. Annual charges are *also reasonable at 0.5 per cent* for the money funds and the managed currency fund, and 0.75 per cent for the fixed interest and equity funds. There is a £25 charge made on switching. The Schroder fund has a five per cent initial charge, a one per cent annual management charge (similar, in both cases, to UK unit trusts) and a 2.5 per cent charge on switching (that is, the five per cent initial charge is halved on the new class of shares).

With these portfolios, it is mainly up to the investor to choose which fund he puts his *money in, though the Guin*ness Mahon "umbrella" includes the Global Equity Fund — in effect, a managed *equity fund — as well as a* managed currency fund. If you want still more active management than this, a new *entrant on the scene, PFC* International Portfolio Fund may be of interest.

With this fund you buy shares in the normal way, but the underlying investments include a range of funds from different management *groups. The investment man*agers are Robert Fleming — a well known name in the offshore fund industry — and investment policy permits them to invest up to 60 per cent of portfolios in their own funds.

Unlike unit trusts, offshore funds can also invest in currencies

The fund has no *initial* charge, and switches between the classes of share will be on a bid to bid basis — that is, there is *effectively* no *initial* charge on the new shares bought. The disadvantages are that there is double charging *on the annual manage*ment fee, because both PFC and the individual managers take their whack, and given *that the shares are based on a* "fund of funds," performance is likely to be unexciting. Dramatic movements in price, *both upwards and* downwards, will be smoothed out by the wide spread of investments.

For further details on the funds mentioned, telephone numbers are as follows. Arbuthnot: 01-628 9876. Gartmore: 01-623 1212; Guinness Mahon: 01-623 9333; Schroder: 01-836 8731; PFC: 01-930 8951.

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How to destroy domestic bliss for £8 a week

The Government's insistence that working children help with the rent has had grave consequences, says Sue Ward

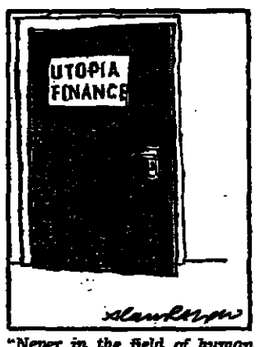
TEENAGERS and their parents would probably all agree that the process of *becoming a young adult is not* the most peaceful experience — especially if the young person in question is living at home. In France, a book by a woman who describes how selfish and unhelpful her sons are has become a best seller. In Britain, the Government considers itself the "party of the family," and claims to be pursuing policies that defend *traditional family life and* values. But is it doing what it claims?

A recent publication by the Child Poverty Action Group and Youthaid the pressure group on youth unemployment, suggests that, at least for the poorer part of the population, it is failing badly. In Families Rent Apart by Jo Roll and Shirley Cusack, they *have looked at the effect of* the housing benefit rules, introduced in 1983, which require a "non-dependant" *with a job to pay at least £8.20* a week towards the tenant's housing costs. This is a flat rate regardless of how much the non-dependant — most often a teenage son or daughter in work — is earning. The amount of benefit paid is reduced on the assumption that this demand is being met. No evidence is required of how much the teenager is actually paying and almost certainly the parent would have no legal way of forcing him or her to do so.

The housing benefit deductions came into force in 1983, and since then the amount to be *taken off has risen* by almost 100 per cent. This compares with a 10 per cent increase in prices, and a 15 per cent increase in average wages over the same period. This might seem anomalous enough in itself but, say the authors, the effect of other government policies has been to keep the wages of young people down still further.

A 16-17-year-old now earns about a third of the wage of a person over 21, and the *poorest* 10 per cent of the age group earn less than £36. When its own Social Security Advisory Committee protested about the increased charge, the Government said that it could take no responsibility for any problem there might be because a youngster refused to hand over cash to his or her parents.

What does this mean to those affected? The poverty lobby has asked the Govern*ment to do some research on* it, but they refused. Instead, Child Poverty Action Group wrote to the Daily Star and asked readers to get in touch if the non-dependant rules were causing problems. The replies — over 100 letters — were obviously not a representative sample, but the picture they paint ought to be a matter of serious concern.



"Never in the field of human conflict is so much owed by so many . . ."

The mother of a young apprentice carpenter, for instance, wrote to say that if *her son paid £8.20 for rent, on* top of what he gave her for food and clothing, and what he must spend on his fares and tools, he would be left with precisely £1.20 a week to call his own.

Another wrote a second time, after replying to CPAG's initial appeal for information, to say that "since then, he has left home because we were rowing all the time over money . . . you might say this new rent scheme has broken my home up, plus the love and respect of a son which I've lost."

CPAG feel that these "non-dependant" rules are having the same effect — and point out that there are 1,240,000 non dependants living in households receiving mortgage interest tax relief, "yet no deduction is made for them from the tax relief, and *it is most unlikely that the* building societies, who administer most of the relief, would even contemplate such *a suggestion."*

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Tricks of the trade: be careful you don't end up with a motorway running through the back garden

Do-it-yourself deeds

THE Government's bill enabling building societies and banks to undertake conveyancing for their customers has hit choppy water. Lord Hailsham and the Law Society are both expressing concern about possible conflicts of interest if a solicitor were able to work for both the building society and the house purchaser.

Meanwhile, do it yourself conveyancing, which solicitors unequivocably dislike, continues to attract both support and attack. Is it a straightforward job that anyone who can add two plus two is capable of handling? Or is it a minefield of potential catastrophies?

Experiences differ. Here, two writers take a look at DIY conveyancing and come to very different conclusions.

THE house-sellers with the biggest smiles are often those who have cut out the cost of solicitors and done their conveyancing themselves. A dozen I spoke to said the sense of achievement was overwhelming, and the savings substantial — often hundreds of pounds.

All claimed that there were no hold-ups when they did their own legal work on house sales last year — despite the misgivings of solicitors. In some cases the time between accepting the buyer's offer and completion was only five weeks.

One or two were even complimented on their efficiency by the solicitors acting for the buyers of their homes. Others felt difficulties were being put in their way by the professionals.

It is house selling, rather than house buying, that is best-suited to self-conveyancing, because there is no risk involved. In law, it is the buyer who must beware. Sellers have no such problems, and can always hold on to the keys of the house until they receive the cash for their property.

The dozen or so self-conveyancers that I spoke to had all used a kit, called Title Transfers, launched last year by Michael Galton, who studied law and English for his MA at Cambridge. Mr Galton also provides a back-up telephone service for those buying the £35 kit, and offers a refund for those who return kits in good condition within 14 days. In almost a year only one kit has been returned because the home seller thought do-it-yourself conveyancing was too difficult.

Although most solicitors deal with the selling of one house and the buying of another, Mr Galton points out that they are two different jobs and that a fee is charged for each.

Mr Galton decided to form Title Transfers after selling his mother's house. The transaction, using a solicitor, took four months to complete and the bill for the straightforward sale was for £503.

Many of the customers for the kit use it to sell the property of deceased or elderly relatives, or to deal with a sale in one part of the country while they hire a solicitor for the purchase in the area they are moving to.

By doing this Karen Bell, who works as a bank clerk for Midland Bank in Worthing, saved herself around £400 on the sale of her Worksop home. She had received quotes from solicitors of £750 to £900 for the sale of one house and purchase of another. By using a solicitor only for the purchase of her new home she kept the costs down to £350.

At the outset Karen was a little anxious. She said: "The kit seemed so simple I was worried something was missing. So I showed it to someone who knows about these things, and he said that's all there was to it. So I went ahead."

At first the buyer's solicitor was reluctant to deal with her. "The solicitor wasn't very co-operative. It took a lot of persuasion to get him to deal with me," she said. "Then everything went smoothly."

Barbara Dixon, a Sheffield teacher, was also apprehensive when she received her kit, but was persuaded by her boyfriend to go ahead with her own conveyancing. She said: "The buyer's solicitor was a bit fearsome to start with, but I was efficient and had everything at my fingertips, so we got on very well in the end. It all went smoothly, and quickly and was interesting to do."

It took six weeks from agreeing to the sale until completion and did not involve much work at all, said Barbara.

Her boyfriend, Peter Kemp, plans to sell his home soon and will use the kit. He has already undertaken some timesaving devices recommended to speed things along when he finally has a buyer.

He has sent to the local council the printed form of routine inquiries about highways, sewers, and so on relating to his own house, which can then be handed to the buyer, saving anything up to a five week wait for the answers. He has already filled in the inquiries before contract — another standard form — which the buyer's solicitor will require.

Bill Hattersley, a lecturer in Manchester, found that the inquiries before contract form was the most difficult one he encountered while selling his home and this form has to be filled in by sellers, whether they have a solicitor or not.

"It was quite straightforward. The contract, which is supplied, is easy to fill in. My main problem was when it came to exchanging money at the end. I could give an undertaking to pay off the mortgage on the property I was selling, but the buyer's solicitor would not take my word for it. If I'd been a solicitor, he would have been satisfied," he said. The difficulty was resolved without delay, and Mr Hattersley saved £200.

Jen Coldwell of Worsbrough near Barnsley sold her £29,000 cottage without using either a solicitor or an estate agent. It cost her a total of £80, but most of all she liked the feeling of being in control. If her buyer's solicitor needed information quickly she could send it immediately and be certain that it was on its way.

The work took a matter of minutes a week and was easily fitted in with a full time job. She wrote some six letters and only had to use the telephone service for advice from Mr Galton twice.

The buyer of Ms Coldwell's cottage says she had no problems at all and no delays were caused by the self-conveyancing.

In addition there was one big advantage. "She was informal and relaxed and created a friendship out of the situation.

"If my solicitor had known that I told her as much about my negotiations as I did he'd have had a fit. He's dead against people doing their own conveyancing. He's a real chauvinist. He wouldn't even address her as Ms, as she wanted. He insisted on knowing whether she was Miss or Mrs."

Michael Galton says: "You are the one person in the world with the greatest interest in a successful sale of your house. You are the best person to handle it."

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Lindsay Cook

'If you think solicitors move like snails, see how the parties deal with individuals'

"ANYONE who does it themselves these days must be mad", says Tony Holland, a solicitor in Plymouth and chairman of the Law Society's non-contentious business committee. According to him, a solicitor in his area is advertising his willingness to do conveyancing for a flat-rate of £135, regardless of the price of the property involved.

Two or three years ago, the story was rather different, with solicitors' prices so high that there really could be serious financial saving for those with the time, patience and nerve to handle the technicalities of buying and selling themselves.

We will return to price later, but cost is not the only factor involved in the decision of whether or not to go it alone. Just how easy is it? Solicitors will say conveyancing is a tricky business; others will say not. On the whole, provided the property is freehold, on registered land, and with no peculiarities, the conveyancing should be straightforward.

But with non-registered land or a lease, the best advice is to forget it. "We've just off-loaded a defective lease on to someone who was doing his own conveyancing who did not notice the problem, which is really rather serious, especially when it comes to re-sell," said one solicitor recently.

"A solicitor would have spotted the defect and if he or she hadn't there would have been the automatic right to sue for negligence because all solicitors have to carry insurance against mistakes," he added.

So what happens if you decide to embark on the conveyancing yourself and you are not a solicitor? Even if you have studied law at some time in the past, you will find that pretty well all of the short-cuts open to practising solicitors are closed to you. They have a Law Society code of conduct under which they can act on trust. For example, if another solicitor says the documents / payments or whatever exist, or have been posted, then they can act accordingly, instead of waiting to check each stage thoroughly as the do-it-yourselfer would have to do.

"If you think solicitors move like snails, just wait and see how the various parties deal with individuals," said one rueful solicitor who had just spent nearly six months negotiating over a property which involved an individual buying and doing his own conveyancing. "In the end, I had to do most of the conveyancing for him and my client to be able to finish the transaction," he added.

One aspect of conveyancing in which trust might disastrously be misplaced relates to the deposit and stakeholding. Conventionally, when someone agrees to buy a property and contracts are exchanged, a 10 per cent cash deposit is paid over to the vendor while all other aspects of the transaction are sorted out prior to completion.

A solicitor will normally take the deposit and place it in an account which will earn interest and there is no danger that the money is at any risk. Somebody who is buying from someone who is doing their own conveyancing will have to hand this 10 per cent over on trust — and this will be a sum of several thousand pounds — and this could theoretically, at any rate, be swiped by an unscrupulous individual with very little comeback by the victim.

Moving nearer to completion date, solicitors can make undertakings to banks to transfer the balance of the purchase prices, which saves the individual from running around with bank drafts to prove to the other side that the money is available.

Completion day itself is a nightmare at the best of times; ask anyone who has moved in the last year and they will tell you. Solicitors can usually organise things with each other so that completion takes place on the same day: if possible around the same time. This is crucial if you are buying and selling in a chain.

These are some of the problems to wich the Law Society would add dire warnings like "you need to know something about probate" (if your sale or purchase involves property belonging to someone who has died), "and divorce proceedings if you are dealing with a 'Class F' property, in which one half of a divorcing couple has registered a charge on the property in question."

Plus, of course, there are local searches, but here is one area where the do-it-yourselfer may well do a more thorough job than a solicitor. After all the solicitor is only concerned with the land the property is built on, and whether or not there is a motorway planned to run past the end of the road.

The buyer who will be living in the property will be much more concerned to investigate potential problems like noisy traffic, unsociable neighbours, parking or access difficulties.

If you do run into a serious problem — like an extension that has been put up without planning permission — do not be afraid to admit defeat and call in a solicitor. This is what often happens to people who were going to do their own conveyancing, having told all their friends it would be "a piece of cake." Even if they do have to abandon the attempt, at least they will know the time and aggravation they are saving themselves. And time, after all, is money.

Penny Chorlton

● THERE are various guides published for people who want to have a go at doing their own conveyancing. The Consumers' Association at Castlemead, Gascoyne Way, Hertford SG 14 1LH, offers The Legal Side of Buying a House.

Joseph Bradshaw at Castle Books, 1 Blacklown, Leamington Spa CV32 6RA has written several books on the subject, notably Bradshaw's Guide to DIY House Buying, Selling and Conveyancing.

Michael Joseph's The Conveyancing Fraud has recently been republished by Michael Joseph, 27 Occupation Lane, London SE18.

Travel light of heart

Well, how much cover should you have for Switzerland? David Worsfold concludes his look at holiday insurance

OVER the past few weeks we have been looking at various aspects of holiday insurance. Here now is a check list of what to look for in a travel insurance policy. And remember, the best advice is not to give in to inertia and sign for the policy offered at the back of the tour operator's brochure. Shop around. Make sure you are getting the best value for your money and that the terms of the policy suit your circumstances.

All travel insurance policies should as a very minimum offer cover in six basic areas as set out below. This gives an idea of the level of cover that a reasonable policy should offer, whether it is part of the tour operator's own package or bought separately from an insurance company or travel agent.

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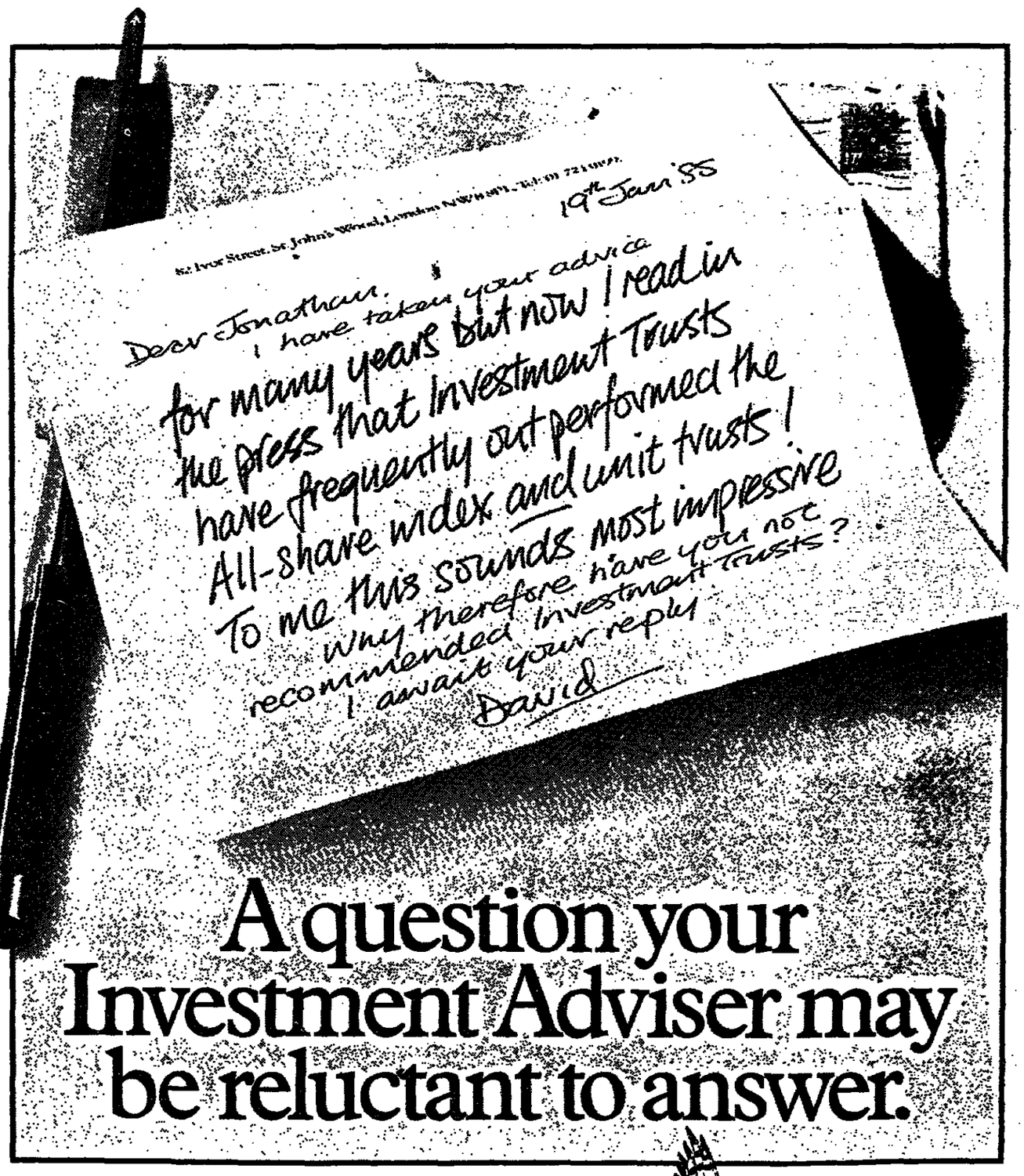
Delay: Compensation for delay due to bad weather should be fairly generous in the range of £250-£500, although this will be payable in "instalments" as the delay gets longer. A token £50 compensation is usually available for delay due to industrial action or mechanical failure.

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Only a marriage ceremony can turn a woman into a wife. Picture by Denis Thorpe

Till debt us do part

Tax advantages there may be, but unmarried 'wives' have little protection in English law, warns Clare Dyer

WHERE do you stand in the eyes of the law if you live with *someone outside marriage?* Surveys show that most cohabitees have only the vaguest notion of their legal status and the rights and responsibilities which go with it.

One reader, N.P. of Walsall, for instance, wants to know "the difference between a common law wife and the female half of a man and woman living together." I suspect N.P. has got hold of one of the commonest legal misconceptions: that there is some magic period of living together — three years or seven years, for example — which transforms a cohabitee into a wife or the next best thing.

Contrary to popular belief, common law marriage does not exist in England. Only a marriage ceremony can turn a woman into a wife, as Valerie Burns discovered when she went to court after the break-up of her 19-year relationship with Patrick Burns. Had she been married to him, she would have been entitled on divorce to a share of the family home, even though it was bought in his name only. And she would have been able to claim maintenance for herself.

But without that vital piece of paper, she was left with nothing to show for nearly 20 years of cooking, cleaning, and bringing up two sons. Helping to buy or substantially improve the house would have won her a share but, unlike a wife, a cohabitee *who simply stays* home looking after the house and children earns no brownie points which can be cashed in when a split comes. As one of the Appeal Court judges who reluctantly turned down her claim commented: "When one compares the ultimate result with what it would have been had she married and taken the appropriate steps under the 1973 Matrimonial Causes Act, I think that she could justifiably say that fate *has not been kind to her.*"

In New Zealand, Australia and Canada, laws have been passed which give long term cohabitees, or those with children, the right to claim support from their ex-partners after the relationship ends. Little by little, as more couples have opted out of matrimony, *English law too has* extended the rights of unmarried "wives." For instance, on a council tenant's death, the tenancy can be passed on to a live-in partner — if the couple were living together for at least 12 months before the death. And a cohabitee can now sue for compensation *if her partner is killed in an* accident through someone else's fault. But the law has stopped short of imposing any obligation on one partner to support the other either while they live together or afterwards, though unmarried fathers can be ordered by the court to contribute towards their children's keep.

For women who adopt the traditional dependent role, marriage is a better bet. But, for the two career family, staying single can pay dividends. Married or not, a woman with a financial stake in a jointly owned home need not worry about ending up in Valerie Burns's position. And a tax system which unintentionally encourages better off couples to forgo marriage vows can put extra pounds in the family kitty.

The tax man treats a husband and wife as a unit, but *living together couples as two* separate individuals. So, while a married couple can claim mortgage interest tax relief on a loan of up to £30,000, for their next door neighbours unwedded bliss can mean full tax relief on a joint mortgage of up to £60,000.

Unmarried couples lose out on the married man's tax allowance, but this won't be any loss to the couple earning enough between them to make it advantageous electing to be taxed as two single people on their earned income (in 1985-86, at least £25,360, with the lower paid partner bringing in £6,956 or more).

Staying single means that when the first child comes *along*, one parent *can claim* the additional personal allowance (APA) for single parents, which brings the single person's allowance up to the level of the married man's allowance. With two or more children, both parents can claim the APA, giving the couple the equivalent of two married men's allowances, or total allowances of £6,910.

For elderly couples, the fiscal attractions of living together are just as obvious. Two single age allowances total more than the married age allowance. The income level at which older taxpayers start having their age allowance cut back *is £8,800* for a married couple; for couples to skip the ceremony it's £8,800 each.

For a widow living off the income from investments, remarriage would mean giving up the personal allowance which, as a single woman, she can set off against her investment income. If they need to realise some of their investments, singles can escape capital gains tax on gains of up to £5,900 in 1985-6. A married couple has to share the £5,900 exemption.

On the other hand, there can be arguments in favour of *a last-ditch trip to the altar.* One possible reason is to make sure of a widow's pension from the man's occupational pension scheme. Another is to avoid paying capital transfer tax when one person dies and leaves property to the other. Transfers between husbands and wives are completely free of CTT.

When it comes to inheritance, wives score over cohabitees. A wife automatically inherits a large chunk of her husband's estate (possibly all of it, depending on the size of the estate and the other surviving relatives) if he dies without making a will — and vice-versa. Live-in partners can't be sure of inheriting anything unless they are named in a will. Without a will, staking a claim could mean an expensive court battle.

What do you put on rhubarb — apart from custard?

Michael Hyde reports from the allotments



Rhubarb: Victoria — drawing by Sharon Finmark

COLD MAD WINDS in March kept me indoors, tending in *comfort my windowsill* seedlings and cropping my sprouting seeds (from Thompon & Morgan) to help fill my fresh vegetable gap. I like fenugreek in my soup, salad alfalfa in sandwiches, and snowbeans for a nutty-flavoured nosh. Given jam jars with muslin tops secured by rubber bands, *the cultivation* is simple enough if your memory is good — just daily lukewarm water rinsings. One reader finds the bottom drawer of an old fashioned wardrobe the best place for seed sprout propagation.

Nelson, my plot associate, who seems to face errant weather conditions with impunity, has meanwhile made ready the allotment for the season's assault, with onion sets, potatoes, and sugar peas given priority. The hard frosts finished our winter greens, except for the curly kale which cooks nicely, I find, in a collapsible steamer which a friend recommended. Rhubarb is the crop now burgeoning on the allotments, especially if covered with buckets, boxes, and straw for outdoor forcing.

There was a time when I looked down my nose at rhubarb, but not any more. It is *the honourable forerunner* of the soft fruit season, to be treated with respect. It was almost two decades ago that my then newly acquired and much neglected allotment was dominated by a large area of rhubarb, lording it over the surrounding colonies of couch grass, thistles, and willow herb. Unable to tolerate such bombast, I resolved to remove it, lock stock and barrel, or rather rootstock and crown.

I broke a spade and bent a fork. Those crowns, I remember, were clinging tenaciously to their kingdoms. Perhaps appropriately, the variety was Victoria, introduced and named in the year 1837 when she became queen — a variety that is still going strong, more robust though less quick off the mark than the profusely flowering (if you let it) Prince Albert.

I soon regretted those demolition tactics, and discovered that you can actually grow rhubarb from seed in April. In penitent mood, therefore, I bought a Suttons seed packet labelled "Rhubarb, Victoria." The infant seedlings had an endearing charm, but they needed a couple of seasons to establish themselves, and even then didn't match the grandiloquence of their predecessors. It was Paddy, a plot neighbour, now deceased alas — he who used to scare our rabbits with a gun and a three-legged dog — who came to the rescue. He gave me some crowns of his Timperley Early.

Timperley Early has an interesting history. Mr J. D. Whitwell, station director of Stockbridge House EHS at Cawood near Selby, recounts how in 1920 a certain Mr Baldwin of Timperley, in Cheshire noticed it lurking — a stranger in a field of the variety Linnaeus, possibly a mutation, probably a cross. He propagated it for himself and friends; and now this refined cultivar has a wide distribution. Ken Muir, of Clacton-on-Sea the soft fruit specialist, singles it out for praise, both for forcing and outdoor cropping.

The National Rhubarb Collection is now lodged with the Northern Horticultural Society at Harlow Car Gardens, Harrogate, Yorkshire. There are, I believe, some 70 cultivars in the collection, rejoicing in names like Suttons Cherry Gem and Ruby Rhaponticum.

The Yorkshire area between Leeds and Wakefield is a home for commercially grown rhubarb. The growers have access to advice from Stockbridge House where new varieties are bred and given names like Stockbridge Harbinger (a seedling from Timperley Early), S. Arrow, S. Bingo, S. Guardsman; and Cawood Delight, C. Oak, C. Castle, C. Ensign. Stockbridge Arrow, raised by the previous director of the station, is said to be good for later forcing, and produces dark red sticks of excellent quality. Cawood Delight also has a deep red colour which is not lost in cooking and processing. It freezes well and is attracting processors and amateurs alike.

Experimental work on rhubarb at Stockbridge House is *associated with such things* as spacing for better yields, shorter sticks for ease of packing, improved methods of forcing, production of virus-free, pot-grown new varieties, micropropagation, and horticultural hi-tech generally.

Back on the plot, and aware of its worth, we now care for our rhubarb. We give it a liberal helping of farmyard manure in winter. In spring we remove the unopened flower stalks. In summer we are careful not to overpull the sticks; in fact, we stop pulling altogether in July and allow it to die down naturally *in the autumn.*

After the rhubarb, follows the soft fruit. Ken Muir (who also supplies asparagus), has a booklet, Cane and Bush Fruits, with recommended varieties, cultural instructions, and a fruit protection chart showing what to use and when. Among new varieties are the strawberries Hapil and Maxim, raspberries Glen Moy (early) Glen Prosen (mid-season), and Joy (late), hybrid berries Tayberry (from Scotland) and Sunberry (from East Malling, derived from the American black raspberry and Malling Jewel), the gooseberry Invicta, blackcurrant Ben Lomond and blackberry Ashton Cross.

Allotment holders will find much of instant value in Dr Hessayan's The Vegetable Expert, just published at £2.65. The clever page presentation is such that *essential information springs out* at you and hits you in the eye. Also just published is the 1985 edition of Gardens to Visit (50p), or obtainable direct from Kathleen Collett, Gardeners' Sunday, White Witches, 8 Mapstone Close, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 8EY, at 70p, including packing and postage.

Odd jobbing

by Hilary Applegate

THE other day I was looking at some bebes which had been cut back by the winter weather. Happily, a thumbnail scraping of the bark revealed that all was not lost. But the situation raises several questions. Is it worth transplanting tender plants to a warmer site? Or to a west facing position where frosted branches can thaw slowly? If there is no better site and there is dramatic dieback every year, is it worth keeping the plants? Or would a net cover, to keep the worst frosting off, reduce the damage to acceptable levels? And would the root system benefit from a protective mulch applied in late autumn?

It seems to me that birds have caused much less damage to crocuses this year than is often the case. And it is up to us to emulate their example. Crocuses need unmolested foliage for a few weeks after flowering, to build up reserves for next year's display. With crocuses (and aconites, tulips, and narcissi) growing in grass, this means delaying the first mowing until the corm and bulb leaves have died away.

Pansies should be dead headed to prolong flowering. And it is as well to bear this chore in mind when selecting summer bedding plants. For *instance, mesembryanthe*mums and candytuft have a short season unless spent flowerheads are removed regularly, whilst Tagetes signata and lobelia will flower for many weeks without this attention.

The £67,000 question

I SHALL be 65 next February, and during that year shall receive about £40,000 in matured investments. I wish to give £10,000 each to our two children. Is it quite legal to give them this amount, or is it better to give £5,000 each to them and their respective spouses? I don't want the children to wait until my death before they can use and enjoy part of their inheritance.
— A. J., Southgate.

IT'S perfectly legal to give your children whatever sum you like. The question is, is it liable to capital transfer tax? You can give away up to £3,000 a year exempt from CTT. Over and above that, you can give away up to £67,000 without incurring *any tax, but* this amount is the nil-rate limit which renews itself in the taxman's eyes every ten years. In other words, if you give away your £67,000 and die five years later, no nil-rate limit would apply on the rest of your estate: it would all be liable to tax. The total size of your estate will dictate your course of action: you may find it best to restrict yourself to the £3,000 exempt limit each year.

YOUR MONEY LETTERS

answered by Margaret Dibben

complete on your house purchase to the end of that year, and again at the beginning of the following year. Your monthly payments then progressively pay off the annual total. So you are not actually lending the society money *over the year:* rather the reverse, if anything.

Honest advice

MY HUSBAND and I (in our late sixties) are about to sell our business and retire. We shall have about £100,000 to invest for future income, and we wish to preserve as much capital as possible for our two daughters. Our problem is how to find a sound adviser. Even our accountant felt he had to tell us that he would get a "cut" from the institutions he would advise. Our bank manager's competence seems very dubious. Could you advise on how to find a good adviser?
— J.L., Tunbridge Wells.

MY ADVICE is stick with your accountant. You won't find many financial advisers who are open enough to point out their own interest in your business. You should ask him *(a) will he offset commissions* received against any fees he may charge? and (b) if he is advising insurance based investments or unit trusts, what about the companies which pay low or no commission? These companies include Equitable Life, London Life, and Framlington Unit Management. They tend to have very low charges to the investor, and are rarely recommended by advisers who rely on commission.

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If a new Bill becomes law, then be prepared to look after your interests, warns Linda Avery

The right to a roof over your head

IF THE new Land Registration and Law of Property Bill, recently introduced by the Lord Chancellor, manages to reach the Statute Book, it will be of paramount importance for various individuals to urgently take steps to protect their property interests.

As a result of provisions in the Law of Property Act 1925, if someone has contributed towards either the cost of the house, or to the improvement or extension of a house, and was in occupation, he or she had rights towards the property.

Anyone who had made a contribution and was in occupation, had rights, regardless of whether an interest was registered. So, in the case of registered land there was an overriding interest: in the case of unregistered land it was impossible to register anything anyway. But, in both cases, contributors had rights against the purchaser or mortgagee.

Since that decision purchasers and mortgagees have had to make inquiries to establish whether any person living in the household has any interest in the property. So, for example, did a man's cohabitee contribute towards the cost of the house which is registered in the man's name only? Did granny pay towards the cost of the annexe in which she lives?

It is claimed that the need to make such inquiries causes both delay and expense — the annual cost is estimated by the Law Society to be in the region of £7 millions per year.

In consequence, the Lord Chancellor's Department has been hard at work over the past year designing a Bill to reverse that situation. However, it is to be hoped that the Bill does not succeed in its present form. Its main provisions will have the following effects: in cases of registered land, prospective buyers will have to make inquiries as to the interests of only one class of occupier — the husband or wife of the sole proprietor. The mere fact of occupation by any other occupier who has an interest in the property will no longer, in itself, confer an overriding interest.

Other co-owners of the property — such as a cohabitee or other relatives — will have to protect their interests by placing what is known as a caution on the Land Register, otherwise they will have no rights against a buyer or mortgagee.

Where unregistered land is involved the situation will be even more tenuous. Occupation by a person with rights in the property will not affect a buyer unless the person is the spouse of the sole proprietor. Other equitable co-owners (those who have contributed towards costs) will be in a less secure position because when land is unregistered there is no effective way of registering such an interest.

It is also important to note that the so-called protection which the Bill gives is very limited in that it applies only where the husband — or wife — is the sole owner. Because of a quirk in English land law, where more than one person is registered as owner of unregistered land, a purchaser need deal only with those whose interests are registered and can ignore any other possible interests. So, if a husband is joint legal owner with, for example, his father, the wife's interest will not be protected unless she has registered by way of a notice or a caution.

It should now be clear that there are several drawbacks to the Bill. First, it purports to offer protection to wives where a husband might try to sell or mortgage the house without his wife's consent. Unfortunately the Bill is, in this respect, quite inadequate. Take the case of a husband who is sole proprietor of the unregistered matrimonial home. His wife's interests are protected so long as her husband remains registered sole owner. But if he conspires with his mistress to join as a co-trustee in the property, then his wife's interest is no longer protected.

More important — because one assumes that most husbands are unlikely to be fraudulent in nature — the Bill does not offer any protection to other classes of co-owning, non-registered, occupants. The contributing cohabitees, or the granny who has contributed towards the cost of the granny annexe will have to register their interests. Those occupying unregistered land have even less protection as there is nowhere to register their interests formally.

One note of encouragement is that the Bill has a considerable number of critics — including the Law Commission, family lawyers and conveyancers. At the same time, even the Lord Chancellor conceded, during the second reading (in the Lords) that the world will not come to an end if the Bill is not passed in the form in which it is proposed. One can only hope that its critics can come together as an effective lobby.

Perhaps the greatest irony is that, in many other cases, cohabitees have aspects of family law forced upon them; in this Bill cohabitees will have little protection. If the lobby does not succeed after December 31 this year (when the Bill takes effect), it is clear that anyone, with any interest in property, will have to look very closely at how he or she can effectively protect those interests — for once the law will certainly not be on their side.

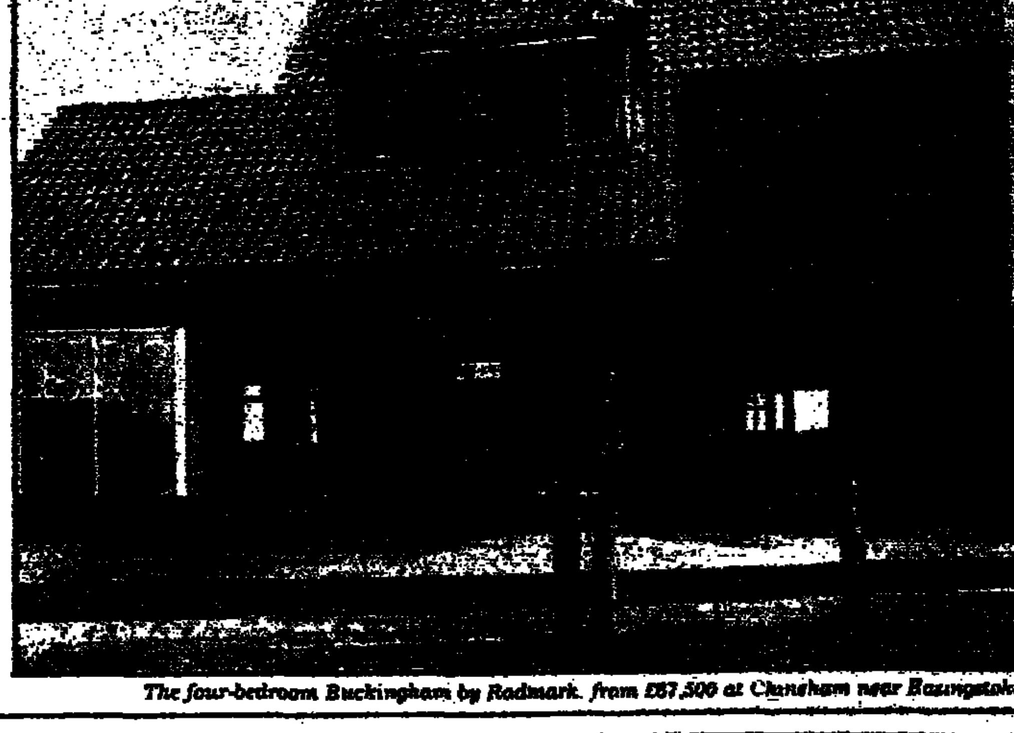
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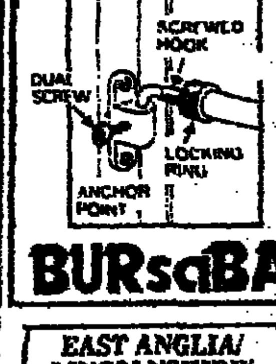
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Sunday 14 April 3.15 pm	ITZHAK PERLMAN (violin) BRUNO CANINO (piano) Pergolesi Sonata No.12 in E. Stravinsky Suite Italienne; Bach Partita in E for unaccompanied violin, BWV.1006; Beethoven Sonata in G, Op.96. The prog. also inc. wks. by Sarasate and Kreisler. £3, £4, £5, £6.50, £8, £10 — Harold Holt Ltd
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Monday 15 April 7.30 pm	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Philharmonia Chorus Yevgeny Svetlanov (cond) Jean Rigby (mezzo-soprano) Robert Tear (tenor) John Shirley-Quirk (bass) Elgar The Dream of Gerontius. £2.50, £3, £4, £5, £6, £7, £8, £9 — Philharmonia Ltd
Tuesday 16 April 7.30 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Jesus Lopez-Cobos (cond) Youri Egorov (piano) Prokofiev Symphony No.1 (Classical); Rachmaninov Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini; Tchaikovsky Suite No.3. £2.50, £3.70, £4.80, £5.90, £7, £8, £9 — LPO Ltd
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Tuesday April 23 7.45pm	SCOTTISH NATIONAL ORCHESTRA. Neeme Järvi (cond). Birgit Finnilä (mezzo-soprano). Haydn: Symphony No 95 in C minor. Dvořák: Biblical Songs, Op 99. Beethoven: Symphony No 7 in A, Op 92. £7, £5.50, £4.50, £2.50 only. Sponsored by General Accident.
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Thursday April 25 7.45pm	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Jane Glover (cond). Imogen Cooper (piano). Beethoven: Overture Leonore No 3. Mozart: Piano Concerto No 5 in C, K 503. Beethoven: Symphony No 6 in F, 'Pastoral'. £8.50, £7.50, £6.50, £4, £3 only. Sponsored by British Airways.
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Tomorrow April 14 3.30 p.m.	HAKAN HARDENBERGER, trumpet. ROLAND PONTINEN, piano. Works by Antheil, Bach, Maxwell Davies, Rabe, Scryabin, Enescu, Tisné. £4, £3.20, £2.50, £1.80. Sounds of Sweden Festival Rikskonserter.
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Monday, April 15, 7.30 p.m.	KAROLY MOCSARI, piano, winner of the second Terence Judd Award. Beethoven: Sonata in F min Op. 57 "Appassionata"; Liszt: Sonata in B minor; Balakirev: Islamey; Works by Rachmaninov and Sopsoni. £4, £3.20, £2.50, £1.80. Halle Concerts Society.
Tuesday, April 16, 7.30 p.m.	JULIAN LLOYD WEBBER, cello. PETER PETTINGER, piano. Britten: Sonata in C; Ireland: Sonata (1923); Elgar: Romance (1st Lond. perf.); Britten: 3rd Suite for cello. £5, £4, £3, £2.
Thursday, April 18, 7.30 p.m.	VICTORIA DE LOS ANGELES, soprano. GEOFFREY PARSONS, piano. Spanish Programme. (All seats sold). Basil Douglas Artists Mgt.
Friday, April 19, 7.30 p.m.	BERNARD ROBERTS and YOLANDE WRIGLEY two pianos. Mozart: Fugue in C minor K426; Debussy: En blanc et noir; Bartok: Sonata for 2 pianos and Percussion with Gregory Knowles and Mark Glentworth (perc). Rachmaninov: Suite No. 2. £4, £3.20, £2.50, £1.80. Central School of Fashion/E. Skinner.
Saturday, April 20, 7.30 p.m.	BERLIN PHILHARMONIC DUO. Jorg Baumann, cello. Klaus Stoll, double bass. Duos for cello and double bass by Jean Barrière, Boccherini, Rossini, Collins, Salbert. Pleyel and Paganini Reger: Cello Sonata Op. 131c; Henze: Serenade for double bass. £4, £3.20, £2.50, £1.80. Yorke Edition.
Sunday, April 21, 3.30 p.m.	RICHARD MAPP, piano. Beethoven: Variations on a Russian Theme; Schumann: Sonata in F sharp minor Op. 11; Chopin: Ballade in A flat Op. 47; Griffes: Two pieces from "Roman Sketches"; Scriabin: Sonata No. 4 Op. 30. £4, £3.50, £3, £2. Prima.
Sunday, April 21, 7.30 p.m.	IAN DAVIES, flamenco & classical guitar. Pernambuco, Albeniz, Villa-Lobos, Lecuona, Flamenco works by Davies: Dulce Bechizo, Granaina, Bulerias, Taranto, Rondena, Farruca, Algerias. Solea por Bulerias; trad. wks. £4.50, £3.50, £2.50, £2. A free glass of Dry Sack or Pando Fino sherry will be served from 6.45 p.m. Peter Zander Artists & Concert Management.
Monday, April 22, 7.30 p.m.	SERENATA. Britten: Sinfonietta Op. 1; Ravel: Introduction & Allegro for harp (Frances Kelly), strings, flute, clarinet; Mozart: Serenade in B flat K361. £4, £3.20, £2.50, £1.80.
Tuesday, April 23, 7.30 p.m.	TRIO SONNERIE. Monica Huggett, vln, Lisa Beznosiuk, fl. Sarah Cunningham, viola da gamba, Mitzi Meyerson, hpschd. Bach/Couperin Series 3 of 4 Concerts. Telemann: Paris Quartet in A min; F. Couperin: Concert Royal No. 2 La Francaise; J. S. Bach: Trio Sonata in G. £4, £3.20, £2.50, £1.80, Stephen Neiman Mgt.
Wednesday, April 24, 7.30 p.m.	ENRIQUE PEREZ DE GUZMAN, piano. Brahms: Sonata in F minor Op. 5; X Montsalvatge: 3 Divertissements, Si a Mompou (for the left hand) World Premiere; Sonatine pour Yvette; Falla: Pour le Tombeau de Paul Dukas; Allegro de Concert (1st UK perf.). £4.50, £3.50, £2.50, £2. John Higham Int. Artists Ltd.
Thursday, April 25, 7.30 p.m.	MITSUKO SHIRAI, soprano. HARTMUT HOLL, piano. Haydn: English Canzonettas; Schumann: Songs; Berg: Seven Early Songs; Schoenberg: Cabaret Songs. £5, £4, £3, £2. Ibbs & Tillett Ltd.
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SATURDAY

BBC-1

6 45-8 25 am Open University. 8 30 Roobarb. 8 35 Battle of the Planets. 9 0 Saturday Superstore. 12 12 pm Weather News.

12 15 **GRANDSTAND.** Including: Football Focus (12 20); news (12 50); snooker — World Professional Championship from Sheffield (12 55; 4 15); swimming — GB v. Sweden (1 40; 2 45; 3 55); racing from Ascot (1 55; 2 30; 3 10); ice hockey (2 10; 3 25; 3 55); final score (4 40).

5 5 **NEWS**; Weather News; sport; regional news.

5 20 **THE NEW ADVENTURES OF WONDER WOMAN:** The Man Who Could Move the World. Lynda Carter as the curved crusader in another daft old comic-strip exploit. Ceefax sub-titles.

6 5 **TERRY AND JUNE:** The Raft Race. More dog-eared comic domesticity with Scott and Whitfield. ceefax sub-titles.

6 35 **THE NEW MAVERICK.** James Garner and Jack Kelly, stars of the vintage gambling Western make a reappearance in this 1978 pilot for a series aimed at reviving the Maverick name through the further adventures of nephew Ben (Charles Frank). Ceefax sub-titles.

8 5 **THE KENNY EVERETT TELEVISION SHOW.** Another maverick makes his comedy come-back with assistance from Sid Snot, Gizzard Puke, a Dallasty spoof and an over-the-top pop group not to be confused with guests Tears for Fears.

8 35 **DYNASTY:** The Rescue. So Fallon's gone and never called Jeff husband — not since first time round, anyway. But do not grieve, gentle viewer — bearing in mind the murky circumstances and the fact that reincarnation tends to run in the family, it shouldn't be anything that a quick bodyjob can't fix . . . Ceefax sub-titles.

9 25 **BERGERAC:** House Guest. John Nettles as Jersey cop Jim in another repeated crime tale. Ceefax sub-titles.

10 20 **NEWS**; sport; weather.

10 35 **MATCH OF THE DAY.** Jimmy Hill with the day's action from the FA Cup semi-finals.

11 25 **DRACULA HAS RISEN FROM THE GRAVE.** The fanged baddie (Christopher Lee), fancies dallying with a nubile blonde villager in this sexy 1968 Hammer yarn, directed by Freddie Francis, but it's okay because she's got this clerical relative (Rupert Davies).

12 55 Weather; close.

Scotland: 10 35-11 25 pm Sportscene.

BBC-2

6 25 am Open University.

3 10 **STOLEN ASSIGNMENT.** Gossip columnist Hy Hazell and crime reporter John Bentley probe the case of the artist's missing wife, in b-and-w thriller made by Terence Fisher in 1955.

4 10 **THE PRINCE OF CENTRAL PARK.** Made in 1977, this likeable family TV movie follows the adventures of two orphans who hide out in a tree-camp after running away from their hated foster home, with Ruth Gordon as the lonely old woman who befriends them.

5 25 **WORLD SNOOKER.** Further coverage (see also Grandstand) of the second day's play in the World Pro Championship at Sheffield, introduced by David Vine.

6 35 **THE DAY THE UNIVERSE CHANGED:** A Matter Of Fact. Another showing for last Tuesday's fourth instalment (it only seems like more) of James Burke's Milestones For Mankind series, on the invention of printing.

7 25 **NEWS**; Sport; Weather.

7 40 **RUGBY SPECIAL.** Nigel Starmer-Smith with highlights of today's final in the County Championship, from Twickenham, between six-times-winners — and last year's semi-finalists — Middlesex, v. the Notts, Lincs and Derby team.

8 35 **WORLD SNOOKER.** Back to the Crucible, Sheffield, on the day which sees Higgins, Meo, Mountjoy, Griffths and White entering the fray.

9 25 **JEPHTHA.** Latest contribution to the BBC's Handel tercentenary celebrations is this performance of the composer's last oratorio, from St David's Hall, Cardiff, with Neville Marriner conducting the Welsh Symphony Orchestra. Anthony Rolfe Johnson sings the part of Jephtha, the Old Testament character forced to sacrifice his daughter (Emma Kirkby) to fulfil a sacred vow, with Alfreda Hodgson as Jephtha's wife, Stephen Roberts as Zebul. There's an interval (10 30) in which Sir Hugh Casson talks about Constable's *painting of Salisbury Cathedral.*

11 50 **WORLD SNOOKER.** David Vine recaps on the day's play.

1 5 Close.

ITV London

6 15 am Good Morning Britain. 8 30 The Wide-Awake Club. 9 25 LWT Information. 9 30 Strawberry Shortcake. 10 0 No 73. 11 20 The Fall Guy.

12 15 **WORLD OF SPORT.** Including: canoeing from North Wales (12 20); news (12 45); On The Ball (12 50); golf — US Masters (1 15); racing from Salisbury (1 25; 1 55; 3 30); rallying — Circuit of Ireland (1 40); athletics (2 40); half-time round-up (3 45); championship boxing — Commonwealth Welter-weight, plus British Welterweight (3 55); results (4 45).

5 0 **NEWS**; sport; weather.

5 5 **BLOCKBUSTERS.** Bob Holness with the teenagers' quiz.

5 35 **ROBIN OF SHERWOOD:** The Greatest Enemy. Michael Praed leads his rebel band in the last episode of the series, with Bad King John leaning heavily on the Sheriff (Nickolas Grace) to resolve the Robin problem. Oracle sub-titles.

6 40 **THE GRUMBLEWEEDS RADIO SHOW.** Return of the quick-fire comedy show with the lunatic quintet from Leeds.

7 10 **T. J. HOOKER:** Deadlock.

8 5 **THE PRICE IS RIGHT.** Leslie Crowther orchestrates another orgy of conspicuous consumerism.

9 5 **NEWS**; sport; weather.

9 20 **CELEBRITY:** Part 1. Michael Beck, Joseph Bottoms, Ben Masters lead this imported mini-series, a torrid potboiler based on friend-of-the-stars Thomas Thompson's bestseller, Set in Texas, it starts with the explosive climax to a 25-year friendship between a famous charismatic journalist, a famous charismatic film star, and a famous charismatic preacher, and then harks back to the explosive high school incident that started it all, etc, etc. More tomorrow. London news headlines.

11 15 **AUF WIEDERSEHEN, PET:** Last Rites. More re-run adventures of the Geordie brickies in Germany. Oracle sub-titles.

12 15 **MAGNUM:** The Case of the Red-Faced Thespian. Tom Selleck as the Hawaiian private eye.

1 10 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with Mary Craig. Closedown.

Channel 4

1 5 Black and White and Read All Over. 1 30 Enthusiasts.

2 0 **SHE.** Helen Gahagan plays the ageless empress (of an underground realm moved from Africa to the Arctic) in little-known first sound version of the Rider Haggard classsic, made in 1935.

3 45 **DR CYCLOPS:** Miniaturised victims of experimenting scientist face jungle perils in this 1940 SF tale.

5 5 **BROOKSIDE.** Omnibus edition.

6 0 **THE MAX HEADROOM SHOW.** More rock videos, featuring The Thompson Twins, Peter Gabriel, Starvation.

6 30 **NO PROBLEM:** Roots. First of two repeated episodes of the sparky black sitcom, trailing a new series startling shortly. News summary; weather.

7 0 **7 DAYS.** Robert Kee and Ann Loades return to debate the issues behind the week's news.

7 30 **UNION WORLD.** Anne Lester reports on events and emotions in the aftermath of the coal dispute.

8 0 **TALES FROM A LONG ROOM:** Apartheid. Robin Bailey returns as the bigoted cricket-loving Brigadier in a new series of Peter Tinniswood's jolly monologues.

8 15 **WINSTON CHURCHILL — THE WILDERNESS YEARS:** Down And Out. Starting a repeat screening of the dramatised biography, seen first on ITV, which charts the statesman's decade as a political outcast, from 1929. Directed by Ferdinand Fairfax.

9 15 **CLIVE JAMES MEETS KATHARINE HEPBURN.** And secures a rare interview with the veteran actress who talks about her childhood, her attitude to advancing age and, a little, about her long-term, much publicised relationship with Spencer Tracy.

10 15 **TENNIS:** The WCT Tennis Finals. Satellite coverage from Dallas.

11 15 **GOLF:** The US Masters. 1 0 Close.

S4C: 1 30 pm Worldwise. 3 30 Repercussions. 4 35 The Americans at War: Desperate Journey (1942). With Errol Flynn, Ronald Reagan, Arthur Kennedy. 6 30 The Avengers. 7 30 Newyddion. 7 45 Sion a Sian. 8 15 Portreadau. 8 45 Canu Penillion. 9 15 Y Maes Chwarae. 10 35 WCT Tennis Finals. 11 15 Golf: US Masters. 1 0 Diwedd.

Anglia
6 15 As London. 9 25 Cartoon Time. 9 35 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 10 10 No. 73. 11 20 Chips. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Happy Days. 5 35 As London. 12 15 At the End of the Day; close.

Central
6 15 As London. 9 25 Cartoon Time. 9 35 Scooby Doo. 10 0 No. 73. 11 20 Chips. 12 15 As London. 5 5 The Comedians. 5 35 As London. 7 10 The Price is Right. 8 10 T. J. Hooker. 9 5 As London. 12 15 Shelley. 12 45 Close.

Channel
6 15 As London. 9 25 Cartoon. 9 35 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 9 57 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 10 0 No. 73. 11 25 Tarzan. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5 10 The Smurfs. 5 35 As London. 7 10 The Price is Right. 8 10 T. J. Hooker. 9 5 As London. 12 15 Weather; close.

Granada
6 15 As London. 9 25 Cartoon. 9 35 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 10 0 No. 73. 11 20 Chips. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Diff'rent Strokes. 5 35 As London. 7 10 The Price is Right. 8 10 T. J. Hooker. 9 5 As London. 12 15 Film: Gargoyles 1972 horror with Cornel Wilde. 1 30 Close

HTV
6 15 As London. 9 25 Professor Kitzel. 9 30 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 10 0 No 73. 11 20 Fireball XL5. 11 50 Just Our Luck. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Cartoon Alphabet. 5 35 As London. 7 10 The Price is Right. 8 10 T. J. Hooker. 9 5 As London. 12 15 Antibes Jazz Festival. 12 45 Weather; close.

South
6 15 am As London. 9 25 Porky Pig. 9 35 Scooby Doo. 10 0 No. 73. 11 20 The Green Hornet. 11 45 Birdman and Galaxy Trio. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Diff'rent Strokes. 5 35 As London. 12 15 Company; close

South-West
6 15 As London. 9 25 Cartoon. 9 30 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 9 57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 10 0 No 73. 11 20 Freeze Frame. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Newsport. 5 10 The Smurfs. 5 35 As London. 7 10 The Price Is Right. 8 10 T. J. Hooker. 9 5 As London.

Yorkshire
6 55 As London. 9 25 Cartoon Time. 9 35 Scooby Doo. 10 0 No 73. 11 20 The Adventurer. 11 50 Joanie Loves Chachi. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Cartoon Alphabet. 5 35 As London. 7 10 The Price is Right. 8 10 T. J. Hooker. 9 5 As London. 12 15 That's Hollywood

Radio 1

6 0 am Mark Page. 8 0 Peter Powell. 10 0 Dave Lee Travis. 1 0 pm 30 Years of Rock: 1956. 2 0 Paul Gambaccini. 4 0 Saturday Live. 6 30 In Concert: Terraplane and Tobruk. 7 30 Graham Bannerman. 9 30-12 0 midnight Dixie Peach.

Radio 2

4 0 am David Dunning. 6 0 George Ferguson. 8 5 David Jacobs. 10 0 Sounds of the 60s. 11 0 Album Time. 1 0 pm The News Huddlines. 1 30 Sport on 2. 6 0 Folk on 2. 7 0 Jump! 7 30 Gala Concert Hall. 9 30 Big Band Special. 10 5 Steve Jones. 12 5 am Night Owls. 1 0 Steve Madden. 3 0-4 0 Wally Whyton.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather; News; Aubade.
9 0 News; Record Review: Wagner's Tristan; piano records.
10 15 Stereo Release. Piano music by Mozart: Sonata K333 (Mitsuko Uchida); Chopin: Bolero (Vladimir Ashkenazy); Granados: Escenas romanticos (Alicia de Larrocha); Debussy: Estampes (Zoltan Kocsis).
11 25 BBC Welsh SO/Owain Arwel Hughes. Walton: Violin Concerto (Nigel Kennedy); (11 55 Interval); Elgar: Symphony No 1.
1 0 News; Beethoven: Trio Op 11; Cello Sonata Op 69. Janet Hilton (clarinet), Ralph Kirschbaum (cello), Peter Frankl (piano).
2 0 Handel: L'Allegro, il penseroso ed il moderato. Text by Charles Jenness, after Milton. Raglan Baroque Singers and Players/ Nicholas Kraemer. (3 0 Interval).
4 30 20th-Century Piano Music (Janis Vakarelis). Bartok: Six dances in Bulgarian rhythm (Mikrokosmos); Skalkottas: Suite No 4; Shostakovich: Dances of the Dolls.
5 0 Jazz Record Requests.
5 45 Critics' Forum.
6 35 Music for the Iron Voice: Luigi Ferdinando Tagliavini on the 1558 Ebert organ in the Hofkirche, Innsbruck. Works by Antonio Zacara da Teramo, Micheie Pesenti, Bartolomeo Bruolo, Willaert, Andrea Gabrieli.
7 5 Paragon Ensemble: Malcolm Arnold: Divertimento; Florent Schmitt: A tour d'anches; Villa-Lobos: Qintette en forme do Choros; Ponchielli: Quartetto.
7 55 La Petite Bande/Sigiswald Kuijken. Haydn: Sinfonia in B flat; Gossec Symphony in A.
8 30 The Objectives of Arms Control. Lecture by Paul H. Nitze, Special Adviser to the US Secretary of State.
9 15 Honegger (Symphony No 2 for strings and trumpet — Berlin PO/ Karajan) and Sauguet (Cello Concerto — Rostropovich / Moscow RSO/Sauguet).
10 10 Park Lane Sextet. Sextets by Strauss and Reger.
11 0 Peter Schreier (tenor), Norman Shetler (piano). Schumann: Lenau Lieder; Der Hidalgo; Chamisso Lieder.
11 40 News.
11 45 Russian Orthodox Easter Vigil.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping Forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 Farming Today.
6 50 Prayer for the Day.
7 0 News; Today's Papers.
7 15 On Your Farm.
7 45 In Perspective.
7 50 Down to Earth. Garden jobs.
8 0 News; Today's Papers.
8 15 Sport on 4.
8 45 Breakaway. Travel guide.
9 50 News Stand. Weeklies reviewed.
10 5 Talking Politics: The Lobbyists.
10 30 Pick of the Week.
11 30 From our own Correspondent.
12 0 News; Money Box. Finance advice.
12 27 Nineteen Ninety-Four. 4: Progress is Power. Futuristic comedy.
1 0 News; Any Questions?
2 0 News; Afternoon Play: The Joking Habit by David Cregan. Story of a love affair that never stood a chance.
3 0 News; Instant Sunshine. Musical wit.
3 30 Where to Light a Candle Is to Say a Prayer. English followers of the Russian Orthodox faith.
4 15 Enterprise. Search for the best in small businesses.
4 45 In Search of the Platypus. Who wrote the poem, published in Punch, August 1933?
5 0 Wildlife. Nature magazine.
5 25 Week Ending. News send-up.
6 0 News.
6 25 Desert Island Discs.
7 5 Stop the Week.
7 45 Baker's Dozen. Favourite Tunes.
8 30 Saturday Night Theatre: Regatta. Edwardian spy story by Douglas Young.
10 0 News.
10 15 Evening Service.
10 30 Soundings. Moral issues.
11 0 Come on You Reds! Fans and fortunes of Arsenal.
11 30 The Bodgers. Comedy.
12 0 News; weather; shipping.

VHF: 1 55-2 0 pm Listening Corner.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 6 ?? If You Don't Get Up You'll Miss It. 8 5 Get Gardening. 8 30 Playday. 9 30 Howsat! 11 3 Saturday Roadshow. 1 5 Sportstime. 1 15 The Grovers Selection. 1 45 Roy Noble. 2 30 Sportstime. 6 25 Let's Pop Back. 7 0-4 0 am As Radio 2. Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather; Gweler Radio 4. 7 45 Byd Amaeth. 8 0 Newyddion; Dros fy Sbectol. 8 15 Rhidires. 9 0 Newyddion; Wyddoch Chi . . . 9 40 Cadw Reiat. 11 30 Dyfynodau. 12 2 pm Byd y Bel. 12 30 Hwyl ar Mastiau. 1 0 Newyddion; Troeon Cyntaf. 1 35 Ar y Ffordd. 2 30 Chwaraeon. 6 25-Close Gweler Radio 4.

Scotland (370m): 6 0 am As Radio 4. 6 32 Farming News. 6 50 As Radio 4. 7 10 Travel Time. 7 35 Weekly Report. 8 0 News; Leisure Trail. 9 3 Top Forty Show. 10 30 Call David Scott. 11 30 Jimmy Mack's Old Gold. 1 5 Gerry McKenzie's Tartan Terror Show. 2 2 Sportsound. 6 0 News; Take the Floor. 7 30 Nashville Express. 8-30-Close As Radio 4.

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SUNDAY

BBC-1

6 45-8 50 am Open University. 8 55 Play School. 9 15 Superbook. 9 30 This is the Day. 10 0 Asian Magazine. 10 30 Use Your Head. 10 55 Greek Language and People. 11 20 Taking Stock. 11 45 Business Club. 12 10 pm Mr Smith's Indoor Garden: foliage plants. 12 35 Farming. 1 0 News Headlines. 1 5 Bonanza. 1 50 Cartoon Double Bill. 2 0 Eastenders. Omnibus edition, Ceefax sub-titles. 3 0 Film: Moonfleet. 1955 swashbuckler with Stewart Granger, George Sanders, Joan Greenwood. 4 25 Top Gear. London and S-E only. See below for regional variations. 4 55 Arthur Negus at 80. Tribute to the antiques expert who died on April 5.

5 45 **ANTIQUES ROADSHOW.** Hugh Scully and the team take the show to Banbury. Ceefax sub-titles.

6 25 **APPEAL.** By Robert Hardy on behalf of the church of St Nicholas, Stanford-on-Avon, Northants.

6 30 **NEWS**; weather news.

6 40 **SONGS OF PRAISE.** From Stafford. Ceefax sub-titles.

7 15 **LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE:** The Loxley Lozenge. Bill Owen, Peter Sallis, Brian Wilde as the vintage trio in a re-run of the one where Wesley Pegden wants their help. Oracle sub-titles.

7 45 **MASTERMIND.** Magnus Magnusson chairs another semi-final, with tonight's foursome choosing new subjects: Jan Hus and the Hussite Wars, English poetry of WW1, history of astronomy/cosmology to 1700, and history of Athens 560-323 BC.

8 15 **A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY.** Richard Briers leads this new production of Turgenev's classic romantic comedy as the Russian landowner Arkady whose household is beset with romantic liaisons, with Eleanor Bron as his wife Natalya.

10 20 **NEWS**; weather news.

10 30 **THE ROCK GOSPEL SHOW.** Sheila Walsh introduces more music with a message.

11 5 **THE COMING OF AGE:** In The Family. How can the old be helped to cope with the pain of the present?

11 35 **A FAMILY BAND.** The Stants from Leicester and the Kyles from Great Missenden are the first music-making families featured in this repeated series, introduced by Roy Castle.

12 5 Weather; close.

Wales: 2 0-3 0 pm Weekend Rugby Union. 4 25-4 55 A Question of Sport. 10 30 Music makers. 11 15 The Rock Gospel Show. 11 50 The Coming of Age. 12 20 am News; weather; close.
Scotland: 12 35-12 58 pm Landward. 1 5-1 50 Seven Days. 4 25-4 55 The Beechgrove Garden. 6 25-6 30 Appeal: Scottish Paraplegic Association. 10 30-11 5 Voyager.
Northern Ireland: 4 25-4 55 pm Star Brass. 6 25-6 30 Appeal: Holiday Projects West.
England: 4 25-4 55 pm East: Inside Story. London & South-East: Top Gear. Midlands: Mornin' Mister Watkins. North: Pressure Point. North-East: The Allotment Show. North-west: Sit Thi Deawn. South: Exploring Gardens. South-west: White Horses. West: Choirboys.

BBC-2

6 25 am Open University. 1 55 Handel at St John's: The Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, cond. Neville Marriner with George Malcolm (harpsichord). 2 40 World Snooker: World Professional Championship from Sheffield.

6 15 **NEWS REVIEW** with sub-titles summaries.

6 40 **WORLD SNOOKER.** Highlights of this morning's and this afternoon's matches (see also BBC-2, 2 0).

7 15 **EDWARD LEAR:** On The Edge Of The Sand. Best known as the master of the limerick, and for the nonsense rhymes that brought subsersive fun into the stuffy Victorian nursery and schoolroom, Lear had another career, as painter of birds and landscapes and as travel writer. It's this aspect of the shy, lonely epileptic which is explored in a special edition of The Natural World, dramatised by Alan Plater, with Robert Lang as Lear, Anne Stallybrass as his sister Ann. It charts Lear's impact on Victorian society with delightful nonsense like the Owl and The Pussycat — and follows the travels of the ailing artist who, forced to spend his winters in the Mediterranean, would explore the remoter parts of Europe on foot, painting what he saw and publishing illustrated journals of his expeditions.

8 15 **WORLD SNOOKER.** David Vine rejoins the waist-coated hopefuls at The Crucible.

8 45 **HANDEL'S MESSIAH.** Caught by a storm in Chester while waiting to travel to Dublin for the first performance of his majestic choral work, Handel took advantage of the delay to rehearse parts of the work in the city. Three hundred years later Chester Cathedral is the setting for another performance of The Messiah, with James Loughran conducting the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra and the Leipzig Radio Choir.

9 35 **WORLD SNOOKER.** Back to the breaks and the breathless hush . . .

10 20 **BLEAK HOUSE.** Another chance to see last Wednesday's opening episode in the sumptuous new dramatisation, by Arthur Hopcraft, of the Dickens classic, with Diana Rigg, and Denholm Elliott. Ceefax sub-titles.

11 15 **WORLD SNOOKER.** Highlights of this evening's play. 12 35 Close.

ITV London

6 55 am Good Morning Britain including 7 0 Rub-A-Dub-Tub; 8 0 Are You Awake Yet; 8 32 David Frost. 9 25 LWT Information. 9 30 Pepe le Pew. 9 45 Porky Pig. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Link. 11 30 Breakthrough. 12 0 Weekend World: What future for Africa's starving? 1 0 Police 5. 1 15 The Smurfs. 1 30 Groovy Ghoulies. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 30 Hart to Hart. 4 30 Supergran. Oracle sub-titles. 5 0 Survival. 5 30 Bullseye. 6 0 Benson.

6 30 **NEWS**; weather.

6 40 **HIGHWAY:** Stroud. Harry Secombe heads for the Cotswolds and a chat with Jilly Cooper, plus some early music from the New London Consort.

7 15 **THE PRACTICE.** Another visit to the health centre, where Dr Armitage is getting alarmed about the chemical works, and charmed by a lovely drug company rep. Oracle sub-titles.

7 45 **DAVID FROST PRESENTS THE SEVENTH GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS SPECIAL.** Which just about says it all, really.

8 45 **NEWS**; weather.

9 0 **CELEBRITY:** Part 2. Continuing the steamy saga of the thrusting threesome, all now well on the way to fortune and glory and all the other things that matter most in soap, like power, money, women, designer suits, with dedicated DA Calvin Sledge (Hal Holbrook) continuing to dig up the dirt. Concluded tomorrow. Oracle sub-titles.

10 30 **POPPIE AND BLACK DOG.** last year a multi-racial company of South African actors came to Britain to stage two plays about life in their country, and this timely film from Granada features scenes from both Poppie Nongena and Black Dog, combined with interviews with the actors whose individually, very different, perceptions of South African society inspired the works. Thula Dumakude won the Olivier award for Best Actress for her part as Poppie, risking prison if she stays with her husband and defies mandatory removal to the 'homeland' where she has never lived; Black Dog records the greater militancy of a younger generation, teenagers at the time of the Soweto riots of 1976. London news headlines.

11 35 **NINA SIMONE LIVE AT RONNIE SCOTT'S.**

12 5 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with Mathoor Krishnaumurti. Closedown.

Channel 4

1 10 Irish Angle. 1 35 Strands. 2 0 A Question of Economics. 11: Which Way for the Market? 2 30 The Best of C. L. R. James. 3 0 The WCT Tennis Finals from Dallas, Texas.

5 0 **THE AMATEUR NATURALIST:** Tapestry of the Tropics. Concluding the reshown series, the Durrells explore a rain forest and a tropical reef. News summary; weather.

5 30 **THE BUSINESS PROGRAMME.** Marks and Spencers' new financial services.

6 15 **INTERNATIONAL VOLLEYBALL:** Teodora v. South Korea.

7 15 **A SECRET PLACE.** The Worldwise season of environmental films continues with Graham Dangerfield's portrait of a wild and remote East Anglian fen.

7 45 **QAF.** The title of this second Worldwise film, receiving its premiere, comes from Islamic cosmology and represents the symbolic mother mountain with which all others have underground links, and through which divine wrath finds volcanic expression.

8 15 **MAPP AND LUCIA:** The Village Fete. Best comedy prospect of the weekend is this new five part dramatisation, by Gerald Savory, of the cult novels by E. F. Benson which send up genteel English provincial society of the 1930s. Geraldine McEwan plays the appallingly affected, ambitiously snobbish Lucia.

9 15 **GUITARRA!** Rhapsody. Continuing his history of the Spanish guitar, Julian Bream shows how the final loss of empire at the end of the 19th century sent Spanish composers looking to their roots.

9 45 **OPINIONS:** Raising the Iron Curtain. Timothy Garton-Ash, specialist on Eastern Europe and East-West relations examines the post-war division of Europe.

10 15 **GOLF:** The US Masters. More coverage from Augusta as the classic American tournament reaches its climax. 12 30 (approx.) Closedown.

S4C: 1 30 pm Union World. 2 0 The Great Plant Collections. 2 30 Pumping Lace. 3 0 WCT Tennis Finals. 5 0 The Wine Programme. 5 30 The Business Programme. 6 15 International Volleyball. 7 15 Sioe Siarad. 7 30 Newyddion. 7 35 Tocyn Tramor. 8 10 Pwy sy'n Perthyn? 8 40 Almanac. 9 10 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 9 40 Snwcer. 10 15 Golf; US Masters. 12 30 Diwedd.

Anglia
6 55 As London. 9 30 Perspective. 10 0 As London. 1 0 Silver Spoons. 1 25 Weather Trends. 1 30 Farming Diary. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 30 Parting Gift. 4 30 Supergran. 5 0 Bullseye. 5 30 QED. 6 30 As London. 11 30 The Irish RM. 12 35 People Like Us; close.

Central
6 55 As London. 9 25 Professor Kitzel. 9 30 Breakthrough. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Link. 11 30 Gardening Time. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 Star Fleet. 1 30 Here and Now. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 30 Film: The Plank. Wordless comedy with Eric Sykes. 4 20 Cartoon Time. 4 30 Supergran. 5 0 Bullseye. 5 30 Return of the Saint. 6 30 As London. 11 35 The Streets of San Francisco. 12 35 Close.

Channel
6 55 As London. 9 25 Close. 12 25 Starting Point. 12 30 Getting On. 1 0 Gardens for All. 1 30 A Sense of the Past. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 15 Cartoon Time. 3 30 Scarecrow and Mrs King. 4 30 Supergran. 5 0 Bullseye. 5 30 Hart to Hart. 6 30 As London. 7 45 Airwolf. 8 45 As London. 10 30 Love and Marriage. 11 30 Legmen. 12 25 Weather; close.

Granada
6 55 As London. 9 25 Miniature Chess Masterpieces. 9 30 Window on the World. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Breakthrough. 11 25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11 30 This Is Your Right Special. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 The Champions. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 4 30 Supergran. 5 0 The Love Boat. 6 0 Bullseye. 6 30 As London. 11 35 Gemma, Girls and Gershwin. 12 20 Close.

HTV
6 55 As London. 9 30 Born to Run. 10 0 As London. 1 0 The Adventurer. 1 30 Farming Wales. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 30 Q.E.D. 4 30 Supergran. 5 0 Bullseye. 5 30 Falcon Crest. 6 30 As London. 11 35 Looks Familiar. 12 20 Weather; close.

South
6 55 As London. 9 25 Action Line. 9 35 Atom Ant. 10 0 As London. 1 0 Agenda. 1 30 Enterprise South. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 30 Film: Anzio. 1968 war drama with Robert Mitchum. 5 25 Supergran. 5 55 Bullseye. 6 25 TVS News. 6 30 As London. 11 35 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace: The Man at the Carlton Tower (1961). 12 35 Company; close.

South-West
6 55 As London. 9 25 Link. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Breakthrough. 11 25 Look and See. 11 30 The Crazy World of Sport. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 Gardens for All. 1 30 Farming News. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 25 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 3 30 The Fall Guy. 4 30 Supergran. 5 0 Bullseye. 5 30 Hart to Hart. 6 30 As London. 7 45 Airwolf. 8 45 As London. 11 35 Legmen. 12 30 Postscript; weather; close.

Tyne-Tees
6 55 As London. 9 25 Morning Glory. 9 30 Link. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Breakthrough. 11 25 Lookaround. 11 30 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 Farming Outlook. 1 30 The Smurfs. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 30 Hotel. 4 30 Supergran. 5 0 Bullseye. 5 30 Hart to Hart. 6 30 As London. 11 35 TX:45. 12 15 Mission England Choir; close.

Yorkshire
6 55 As London. 9 25 Link. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Breakthrough. 11 30 Farming Diary. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 The Champions. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 30 Scarecrow and Mrs King. 4 30 Supergran. 5 0 Bullseye. 5 30 The Jimmy Young Television Programme. 6 0 Candid Camera. 6 30 As London. 11 35 Session. 12 35 Five Minutes; close.

Radio 1

6 0 am Mark Page. 8 0 Peter Powell. 10 0 Steve Wright. 12 30 pm Jimmy Savile's "Old Record" Club: 1960 and 1975. 2 30 Adrian Juste. 4 30 The Great Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Quiz. 5 0 Top 40. 7 0 Anne Nightingale. 9 0 Robbie Vincent. 11 0-12 0 The Ranking Miss P.

Radio 2

4 0 am David Dunning. 6 0 George Ferguson. 7 30 Roger Royle. 9 0 Melodies for You. 11 0 Desmond Carrington. 1 0 John Dunn presents Two's Best. 2 0 Benny Green. 3 0 Alan Dell. 4 0 It's a Funny Business: Tommy Trinder. 4 30 Sing Something Simple. 5 0 Charlie Chester. 6 30 Twentieth-century Troubadour: Yves Montand. 7 0 Niall Murray. 7 30 Glamorous Nights. 8 30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9 0 Your Hundred Best Tunes. 10 5 Songs from the Shows. 10 45 Robert Docker. 11 0 Sounds of Jazz. 1 0 am Steve Madden. 3 0-4 0 John Dunn Presents Two's Best.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather; News; Mozart (Clarinet Concerto — Brymer/Academy of St Martin/Marriner) and Ravel (Une barque sur l'ocean — NYPO/Boulez; Rapsodie espagnole — Philadelphia/Muti).
8 0 Bach Cantatas 1724: No. 67 — halt im Gedachtnis Jesum Christ. Munich Bach Choir/State Opera Ensemble/Karl Richter.
8 20 Domenico Scarlatti: Organ sonata in G (Jean Guillot); Sonata in C minor (Julian Olevsky, violin, Fernando Valenti, harpsichord); Tetide in Sciro, excerpt Acts 1 and 2.
9 0 News; Your Concert Choice. Llibre Vermeil de Montserrat: Mariam Matrem (Hesperion XX/ Jordi Savall); Monteverdi: Beatus Vir (Taverner Consort/Players); Michael Haydn: Concerto for organ, viola and orch. (Jane Parker-Smith, Lubomir Maly, Prague CO/Bedford); Jehan Alain: Litanies from Trois Pieces (Peter Hurford, organ); Rachmaninov: Vespers 1-5 (USSR Academic Russian Choir/ Sveshnikov).
10 30 Music Weekly: Hindemith; reed organs; Glenn Gould's Bach.
11 15 Boston SO/ Dutoit. Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante in E flat.
11 50 Words. Talk by Lord McCluskey.
11 55 Boston SO. Mozart: Haffner Serenade. 1255 Schumann (Faschingsschwank aus Wien) and Mendelssohn (Songs without Words Nos 3, 12, 15, 20, 22, 25, 42). Kathron Sturrock (piano).
1 45 Lohengrin. Opera by Wagner, sung in German with Siegfried Jerusalem (Lohengrin), Magdalena Hajossyova (Elsa), Leipzig RSO/Wolf-Dieter Hauschild. Intervals at 2 45, 4 15.
5 30 New Premises. Off-beat arts review.
6 15 Boulez: Le marteau sans maitre. Sarah Walker (mezzo), Nash Ensemble.
7 0 Sir John Oldcastle. Restoration drama by Michael Drayton and others.
8 55 Bruckner: Symphony No 5. NDR SO/Gunter Wand.
10 15 Goetz: Sonata in G minor. Richard Markham, David Nettle, piano duet.
10 40 The Double Happiness Company. Story by Ann Aylor.
10 55 Northern Sinfonia/Christopher Seaman, Stephen Varcoe (bar). Haydn: Symphony No 64; Delius: Song before sunrise; George Butterworth: Love blows as the wind blows; Kodaly: Summer evening. 11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping Forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 News; Morning Has Broken.
7 0 News; Sunday Papers; 7 15 Apna Hi Ghar; 7 45 Bells; 7 50 Turning Over New Leaves.
8 0 News; Today's Papers.
8 15 Sunday.
8 50 Appeal: National Federation of the Blind.
9 0 News; Sunday Papers.
9 15 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke.
9 30 Morning Service.
10 15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11 15 The Food Programme: Vineyards of Alsace.
11 40 Home-ing In. DIY advice.
12 10 It's Your World. Tel. 01-580 4411 to talk to Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan.
1 0 The World this Weekend: News.
2 0 News; Gardeners' Question Time.
2 30 Afternoon Play: Battleships, by Henry Barton. British lieutenant's view of The Alexandria crisis, July 1940.
3 45 Letter from Shandong.
4 0 News; The One Great Scorer. Going to the dogs in West Cumberland.
4 30 The Living World.
5 0 News; Down Your Way in Cobham, Surrey.
6 0 News; More Wrestling than Dancing. Lighthearted talk.
6 30 Bookshelf: Joan Wyndham's wartime diary.
7 0 The Gold of the Conqueror. Thriller serial by Colin Shaw (6).
7 30 The Oystercatchers: Falmouth sailboats.
8 0 The Hibbert Lecture. The Bishop of Durham, Rt. Rev. David Jenkins on "The God of Freedom and the Freedom of God."
8 30 Central American Journey: Discussion about US policy.
9 0 News; Micah Clarke, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Drama serial (3).
10 0 News.
10 15 Buried Alive. America's hi-tech jails.
11 0 Before the Ending of the Day.
11 15 Angel of Regent Square: 19th-century cleric, Edward Irving.
12 0 News; weather; shipping.

VHF: 6 45-7 45 am Open University. 4 0-6 0 pm Study on 4.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 8 0 As Radio 4. 8 10 Celebration. 8 40 Letter from America. 9 5 All Things Considered. 9 32 Landmark. 10 0 Chris Stuart's Sunday Lie-in. 10 45 Sounds Unforgettable. 12 3 pm Radio Brynsiencyn. 12 30 First Edition. 1 15 Male Voice Choir Competition. 2 0 On Show. 2 30 Concert Hall. 3 30 Young Musicians of Wales. 4 2 As Radio 4. 4 30 As Cymru. 5 0 As Radio 4. 7 0-4 0 am As Radio 2.

Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather; Gweler Radio 4. 6 45 Open University. 7 45 Gweler Radio 4. 8 0 Newyddion; Papurau. 8 10 Bore Sul. 9 0 Newyddion; Papurau. 9 10 Segura. 9 50 Manylu. 10 30 Frosgo. 11 2 Cywair. 11 45 Oedfa'r Bore. 12 20 pm Wythnos I'w Chofio. 1 0 O'r Newydd. 1 40 Byw yn y Wlad. 2 0 Cerddwn Ymlaen. 2 30 Gweler Wales. 4 2 Garddio. 4 30 Caniadaeth y Cysegr. 5 0 Canllaw. 5 30 Dewch am Dro. 6 0 Gweler Radio 4. 7 30 Sain yr Utgorn. 8 0 Campwithiau Corawl. 8 45 Canu Cloch. 9 15 Rhwng Gwyl a Gwaith. 10 3 Talwrn y Beirdd. 10 45 Ar Derfyn Dydd. 11 0 Close; Gweler Radio 4.

Scotland (370m): 6 30 am As Radio 4. 7 45 Letter from America. 8 0 As Radio 4. 8 10 Kathie Kay's Greetings Programme. 9 0 News; Let Us Worship. 10 0 News; Gerry Davis. 11 2 Andy Cameron. 1 5 Seven Days. 2 0 News; Prospect. 2 30 The Archie Macpherson Interview. 2 50 Musical Time Machines. 3 0 News; Portrait. 3 30 The Musical Garden. 4 30 Case and Paper. 5 0 News; As Radio 4. 5 50 Sunday Extra. 6 0-Close As Radio 4.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

HANG ON! It's Joanne's 15th birthday. Right! Love from just about everyone. XXX.

DEATHS

IVE (DR CYRUS). — On April 10, 1985, in his 80th year, Dr Cyrus Ive, MB, BS, DPh, very dearly loved Husband, Father, Father-in-law and Grandfather. Greatly missed by us all.

MYERS (EDGAR). — Brookside, Vennington Road, Westbury, Shropshire, passed away peacefully in the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, on Tuesday, April 9, 1985. Private funeral on Monday, April 15. No flowers by request. Inqs please to: E J Francis, Funeral Director, Isfryn, Forden. Tel. Forden 364, or Welshpool 2697.

RILEY (JOSEPH). — In hospital, on April 9, 1985, dear Husband of Dorothy, loving Father of John and Mary and dear Grandpa of Dylan, Sarah, Becky, David and Ruth. Funeral at Stockport Crematorium at 10 am on Monday, April 15. Family flowers only, donations to: British Heart Foundation.

WEST (GERTRUDE LENA). — Peacefully on April 10, 1985, beloved Wife of the late Harold Wyndham West, of Marple Bridge, Cheshire. Inqs to: G. M. Luff & Partners, Haslemere (0428) 3524.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

REID (DUDLEY). — Mrs Joan Reid wishes to Thank all friends and neighbours for the many messages of sympathy and donations received in her recent sad bereavement. A special thanks for the support given to her at Canley Crematorium.

IN MEMORIAM

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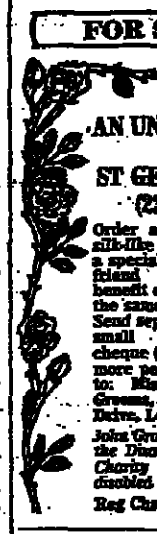
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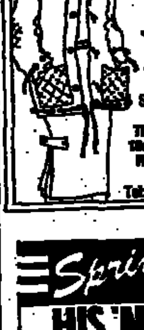


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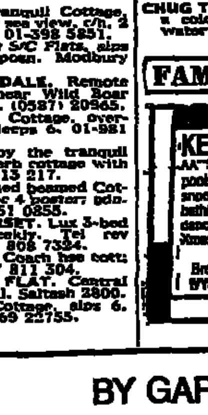
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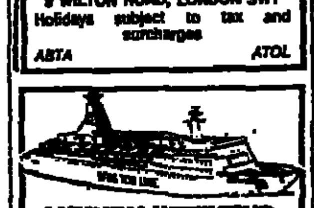
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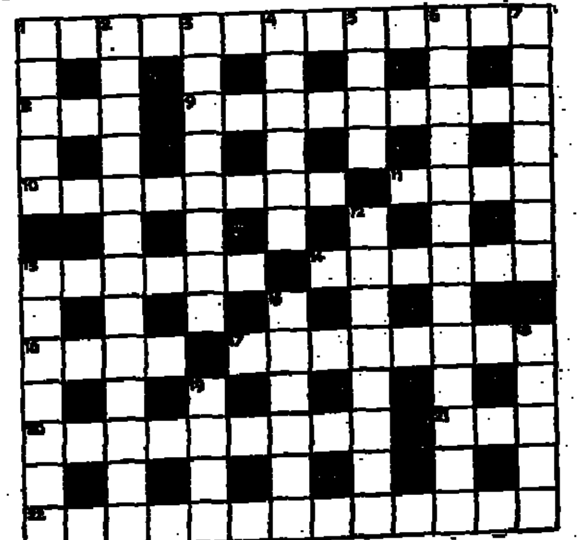
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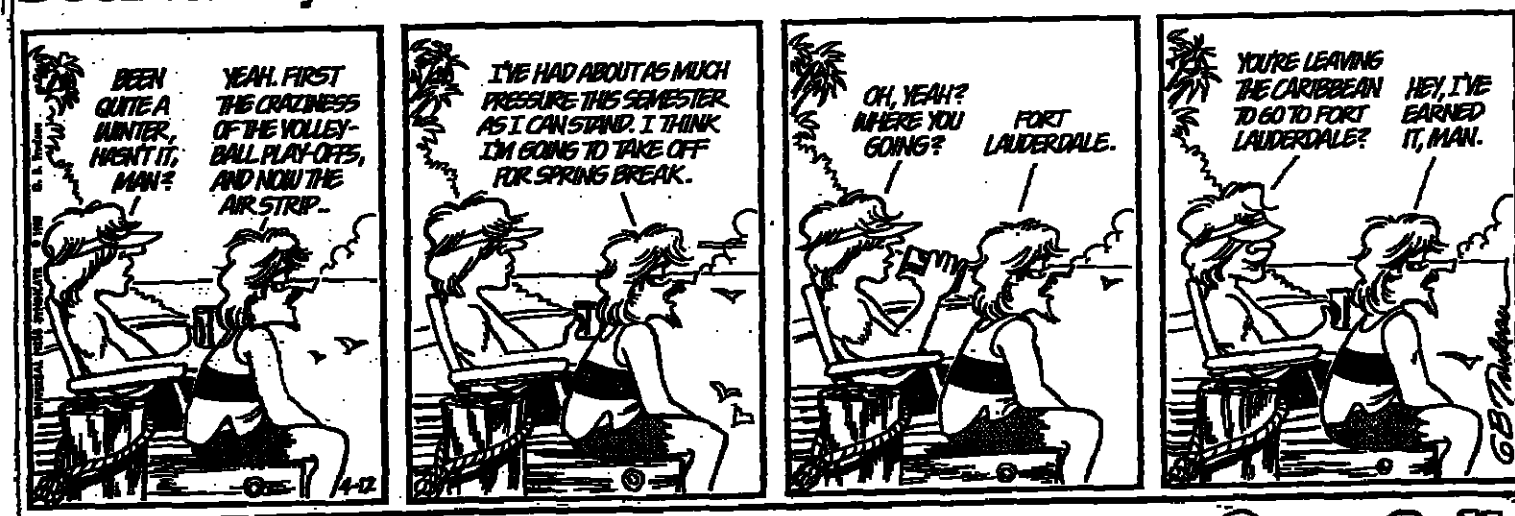
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Steve Bell



Evans says result will stand in face of flimsy evidence

TGWU in Ulster to hold internal ballot inquiry

By Keith Harper and Paul Johnson

An internal inquiry into the conduct of the ballot to elect the general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union in Northern Ireland was announced in Belfast yesterday.

Officials in Northern Ireland have consistently denied allegations of irregularities, but suspicions that there could have been ballot-rigging in the province came to a head this week with a survey carried out by the BBC Television programme, Newsnight.

The independent survey of three large TGWU branches using a sample of 15 per cent indicated that 32 per cent of the membership had voted. That contrasts sharply with the union claim of a 72 per cent turnout.

Mr John Freeman, the TGWU Irish regional secretary, said yesterday that he had asked full-time officials to provide him with a complete rundown of preparations for the poll. In a statement he said he wanted details of how and where ballots and ballot boxes were distributed to factories and depots mentioned in the programme.

Mr Freeman said he had also directed the officials "That those factories and bus depots officially mentioned by shop stewards in the programme as not having been supplied with ballots or ballot boxes should receive priority."

Members of the TGWU's finance and general purposes committee discussed the ballot-rigging issue which has swept the union, at a meeting on Thursday, but took no action. They had before them a letter from Mr George Wright, the union's Welsh secretary and defeated candidate, calling for a re-run of the ballot.

The next meeting of the union's executive council is not scheduled until June, just before the union's biennial conference at Bournemouth. Mr Moss Evans, the outgoing general secretary, was in the United States and did not attend the meeting. But he has made it clear that the union has no intention of re-running the ballot because the evidence so far produced is so flimsy.

The leadership did discuss the action which the union is taking through the Press Council against a number of newspapers for the manner in which it says, they have reported on alleged ballot-rigging. Mr Wright yesterday received a letter from the TGWU asking him to list specific complaints.

Mr Wright replied that the union had already been given evidence. "The problem will not go away, and I believe the only method to stop the union suffering further damage is to old a fresh ballot as soon as possible" he said.

Mr John Cousins, a former TGWU official, last night joined the call for a fresh election. In a letter to Mr Evans, Mr Cousins, now general secretary of the Clearing Bank Union, said he had publicly supported Mr Ron Todd, who won the election. "But I am worried that the good name of this union is being brought into disrepute."

Mr Cousins, who is still a member of the TGWU, was defeated by Mr Evans in the previous general secretary's election contest in 1977. In his letter to Mr Evans he says: "I was fairly certain that there were one or two irregularities in that contest, but the size of the vote between us was large enough for there to be no justification for public reservation by me."

But this time, the result was so close — 45,000 votes — that he believed the only answer was for a secret postal ballot.

Mr Tom King, the Employment Secretary, last night emphasised that the ballot was not covered by the Trade Union Act of 1984. But after October 1, if a union member felt that his rights were not being guaranteed, he could take the matter to the Certification Officer or the courts.

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John Cousins: 'threat to good name of union'

My kind of town, by GLC man in Havana

From Lionel Martin in Havana

HOSPITALS and schools in Cuba give a better service than those in Britain, Mr Ken Livingstone, the leader of the Greater London Council, said yesterday during his two-week visit to the Carribbean island.

"As you walk around the streets of Havana it is quite obvious that the average person here is healthier than the average person in Britain and is getting a better education and better health care."

He told the Guardian: "I think if you brought people from London, Manchester and Glasgow, they would be stunned, given what they would expect to find in the sense of what they see on the television screens about the Third World.

"Here there seems to be a lot of basic contentment simply because what little there is, is adequately shared around and those tremendous inequalities one finds in other Third World nations are simply not here."

After receiving a gold medal as an illustrious guest of the city of Havana, he said he was impressed by the optimistic mood and confidence of the Cuban people.

"It is really a quite remarkable and very pleasant society," he said. "I am struck by the lack of materialism and the fact that increasingly people are talking in terms of what they do for each other and for the country as a whole.

"I find that such an attractive change from the sort of individualism which I think so many people really get caught up in and find so unfulfilling as a way of life. Here there is such a boundless enthusiasm.

He also saw a lesson for a future Labour government on how to cope with pressure from the United States if it tried to prevent nuclear disarmament.

"You can come to Cuba and see a nation of just a fifth the population of Britain, formerly more dependent on the US in terms of its economy, that has been able to resist American pressure for 25 years to produce a society that I find very attractive indeed," Mr Livingstone said.

"It gives me a lot of encouragement that if we can elect a Labour government in Britain that has the will to stand up to the Americans we will be able to do it.

He recognised that the country fell into the Russian orbit but he saw no evidence of Soviet control "What I think strikes me in comparison with those Third World countries that are in the American orbit is that the strings are much, much less here."

He had found striking similarities between London and Havana in terms of the daily problems being faced with residents reporting the same difficulties to their local councils. But he also found an interesting departure. "In Cuba they have only just started to build a local government structure over the last 10 years or so—before that it was very centralised state—and there is much enthusiasm here. In Britain our local governments are being deprived of their historic authority."

EEC threat to pit jobs

By Malcolm Wright

The European Commission has drawn up radical proposals to abolish all Common Market coal subsidies by the year 2000, with the possible loss of 145,000 mining jobs.

A confidential commission document leaked this week to the Socialist group of Europ MPs meeting in Madrid puts forward a blueprint for a smaller, more competitive European mining industry.

The draft paper, which has already been seen by the Council of Ministers, although it is at an early stage, recommends a 15 per cent cut in EEC coal production over the next five years—to be achieved through pit closures.

From 1987, the commission says, all subsidies for coke and coking coal should be abolished and no loans should be available for development of strategic coal reserves.

It suggests that by 1991 all other coal subsidies should be phased out. This financial rundown would be matched by a 100 per cent increase in EEC coal imports with the total abolition of coal import restrictions by the year 2000.

The commission's plan [illegible] team in Brussels estimates [illegible] its pit closure progra[illegible]e would cut the present nu[illegible]er of Common Market mi[illegible]ng jobs from 435,000 to 290,000 by 1990. But its most pessimistic estimate warns that, with the knock-on effect of redundancies in allied industries, up to 300,000 community jobs may be lost.

If the plan were implemented three areas—Wales, Aachen in West Germany and Limbourg in Belgium—would be protected from wholesale closures because of their dependence on coal mining. Elsewhere, job losses would be compensated by the Regional and Social Funds.

The leaked plan, which will be presented to the European Parliament's energy committee on April 22, does not specify how many job losses would fall in each member state.

But Labour Euro-MPs warned yesterday that Britain — which in 1983 produced over 50 per cent of EEC coal — would be by far the worst affected.

"This plan puts what Ian MacGregor is doing in the shade and if it is implemented it will devastate British mining," said Mr Stephen Hughes, Labour MEP for County Durham.

"We will be doing everything we can to make sure that these proposals are stillborn. They throw fresh light on the determination of Mrs Thatcher and Mr MacGregor to precipitate a coal strike last year. It's clear they wanted to crush resistance before these real proposals were unveiled."

An NCB spokesman said yesterday that the board did not wish to comment on any EEC plan which was not yet official policy. The NUM said it had been made aware of the commission's document but did not want to comment yet.

If a final draft of the plan is agreed by the commission in May a resolution to adopt the coal blueprint could be put before the European Parliament by the autumn.

Barristers face action, page 2



CLEANING UP: Cub Scouts on Bob-a-job duty try washing down a US Air Force tanker plane at the RAF Fairford base in Gloucestershire. Picture by Michael Charity

Fury as BP gets approval to test for oil

By John Hooper and Dennis Johnson

Britain's leading environmental pressure groups united yesterday in calling for a full public inquiry into BP's plans to drill for oil from an island in Poole Harbour.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England, Friends of the Earth and the Countryside Commission were reacting to yesterday's decision by Dorset county council to approve the plan, subject to a 21-day delay to allow time for the Secretary of State to call in BP's application for further consideration.

The council's planning sub-committee voted in favour of the scheme by 19 to three. But it said that it was unlikely to approve BP's other plan for drilling on the nearby Studland peninsula.

Friends of the Earth said that it would lodge a complaint with the local government ombudsman over Dorset county council's handling of the affair.

Furzey Island, a 31-acre estate bought by BP last year — ironically, from the chairman of another oil company — lies within an area of outstanding natural beauty and a site of special scientific interest. The Purbeck coast is designated a heritage coast.

BP, which has a 50 per cent stake in the nearby onshore Wytch Farm field, wants to sink up to four test wells on the island to find out more about an undeveloped reservoir which was discovered in 1978 and is known to stretch under the sea.

By opening up this reservoir, which is much bigger than the one already in production, BP and its partners believe that they can increase output from the field tenfold to 40,000 barrels a day.

But in announcing its decision the planning sub-committee said that it would not sanction development and production on Furzey until the oil companies had carried out exhaustive tests.

BP's Furzey Island application was seen by the oil industry and the environmental lobby as a test case for the Government's guidelines on onshore drilling which were issued to local authorities last January.

Mr Martin Price, a spokesman for Poole Friends of the Earth, said: "Unless the Secretary of State calls in the application the guidelines will have failed at their first trial. If drilling is allowed on Furzey Island, then anywhere in southern England is fair game."

He also accused the council of not complying with the Department of the Environment's recommendation that councils should discuss the issues at an early stage with the applicants and the community.

BP yesterday kept its public comment to a minimum, but its executives were delighted by the council's approval.

The visual impact of drilling would not be very great, but concern has been expressed about the noise it would create and the fact that could have on holidaymakers and residents and on the many migrating birds which visit the area.

Mr Alan Swindall, Dorset's county planning officer, said yesterday that BP had admitted that in the worst conceivable blow-out, 5,000 barrels of oil a day could spill out of the site and into the harbour, but that much of it could be contained by the use of anti-pollution equipment.

Tests on donor blood fail to identify Aids contamination, says report

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UK cases to 141 and the number of fatalities to 62. He is the only baby in the UK to have developed Aids.

He was born 14 weeks prematurely in Washington DC, the inquest in St Pancras, London, was told yesterday. Weighing 900 grams he was put on a ventilator, and developed heart problems which needed surgery and was given multiple blood transfusions. He then became blind.

His parents took him to their home in Sussex. He lost weight, developed small infections, and was admitted to a local hospital suffering from pneumonia.

He was transferred to Great Ormond Street three weeks ago. "He resembled a child with immune deficiency and, having had transfusions, we suspected Aids," said Dr Vicki Papadeas, registrar at Great Ormond Street's infectious disease unit. He did not respond to treatment.

Antony's consultant, Dr Roland Levinsky, said that antibody tests, combined with his symptoms, showed with certainty that he was suffering from Aids.

Dr Levinsky told the coroner that in the absence of any agent to kill the virus treatment was only supportive.

Mothers in Britain should not worry about their babies being given transfusions, he added, but he said: "I am sure others will turn up in time."

Antony's mother arrived and left with her husband, but was not in court for the hearing.

There will be no post-mortem examination because of the risk to the pathologists. A Great Ormond Street spokesman said: "To the best of our knowledge, we have no other children with Aids."

Guidance on Aids was published by the British Medical Association yesterday in an attempt to counter unfounded fears.

Public inquiries about the disease, according to the association's magazine, News Review, included a call from a building contractor whose staff had refused to work on a gay centre, and a person who said that in his works canteen gays were being confined to one section and given disposable cups.

Migrant rules may be published

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future." This would provide an opportunity for local representatives to question the department's practices directly with officials responsible.

Mr Brittan said that immigration policy was "firm but fair" and not racialist. "The Government believes that there is a general acceptance of the need to limit the numbers of newcomers which any host community can absorb without the risk of friction."

Answering the CRE criticism that immigration rules operated unjustly against black families, he said it was a distortion of language to regard men who had come here to work and to found a family as dependants. "We have therefore taken the view, particularly at a time of high unemployment, that it would not be right to treat husbands as generously as wives."

The Government aimed, rightly in his view, to make it as easy as possible for people to come to Britain temporarily, but that position carried with it the need for adequate control.

Policeman 'killed man at 10ft'

Continued from page one

ble Hegarty and a video of the incident.

He said that the question was whether, in the turmoil of the moment, Constable Hegarty used reasonable force.

Mr Justice Hutton remanded Constable Hegarty on his own bail of £200 and two sureties of £1,000 each.

The RUC said yesterday that a second reserve constable would appear in court on a charge of common assault relating to an incident at the same rally.

At Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, yesterday, a 20-year old British army soldier serving in England appeared at a special court charged with the murder of a young Roman Catholic shot dead earlier this week.

Mark Trotter, of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers but with an address in Enniskillen, was remanded in custody to appear at Belfast magistrates' court on April 19, accused of murdering Martin Lave, aged 24.

Earlier this week a UDR private, Robert Kenny, of Enniskillen, was remanded in custody on a similar charge.

THE GUARDIAN PRIZE PUZZLE 17,209

"14 16 19" by APEX

EACH Across clue consists of two definitions especially chosen to rhyme with one of the unclued solutions. Down clues, which are normal, are presented as rough notes for future poems. The 15 unchecked letters in the unclued 14, 16 and 19 across (7 words) could be arranged as "HELP ME GET THE CUE".

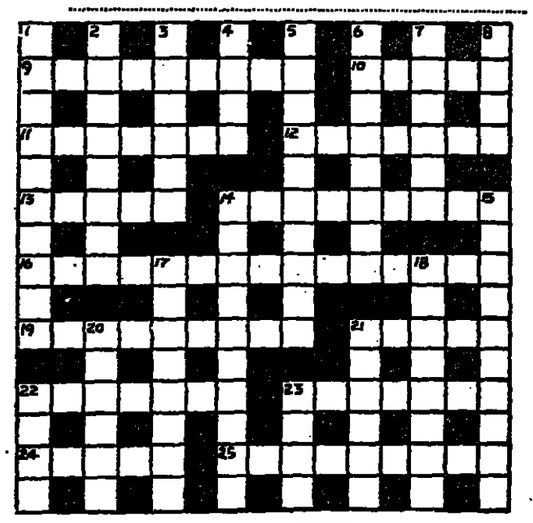
A £20 cash prize will be awarded to the sender of the first correct solution opened, and three book tokens, each of £10, for the next three. Send your entry to Guardian Crossword 17,209, The Guardian, 164 Deansgate, Manchester M60 2RR, to arrive not later than first post on Thursday next week. Solution and winners' names in The Guardian on Monday, April 22.

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ACROSS

9. 10 Unread choose (9, 5)
11. 12 Dead amuse (7, 7)
13. 21 Head stews (5, 5)
22. 23 Red news (7, 7)
24. 25 Spread ruse (5, 9)

DOWN

1 Date 'Orts' is pulled apart in the Mirror? (10).
2 Protect bees flying around the mounting rubbish (8).
3 Start something weighty about the ballot-box (4, 2).
4 Middle part of poem is to be obscure (4).
5 Believers in heredity theory, sin and 'Elmet' mostly eccentric (10).
6 A Good Samaritan converting 'Elder-Owl' (4-4).
7 Barren bit of Moortown — agree to change (6).
8 The young ox the children brought up (4).
14 Cover of the Times, the Guardian and the Mirror? (5-5).
15 A poem's seen to break a spell (4, 6).
17 Nothing the matter with cryptic clue for minor work (8).
18 Status of foreigner — a long time squashing falsehood (8).
20 Start to draft elaborate lyrics about love for old birds (6).
21 Eccentric non-English ode on non-English deity (6).
22 A stampede — starters of race upsetting Sexton Hyades (4).
23 An end for some otter — melting? (4).

CROSSWORD SOLUTION 17,208

THIRST		DANDRUFF						
O	N	H		L	E	N	O	R
FINDER		STANNITE						
F	A	E		E	O	F	I	
	DROPEVERYTHING							
	D	D	A	C	E	E	H	
POSTILLION				FRET				
A		P	E	U	M		E	
REED		FOURPOSTER						
S	X	D	F	S	T	R		
EXCEEDTHELIMIT								
E	I	G	P	E		Y	C	L
INTERWAR		MANEGE						
S	E	E	R		T	P	A	
MASSEUSE				CENSOR				

THE WEATHER

Showery and windy

A VIGOROUS depression to the west of Scotland will move eastwards across the country during the day, with a strong NW airstream becoming established over the British Isles.

London, SE, Cent S, SW, NW, Cent N, NE England, E Anglia, Midlands, Wales, Lake District: Rather cloudy, mainly showers, some heavy and prolonged. Wind SW, becoming NW, strong to gale. Max temp 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Argyll, N Ireland: Rather cloudy, showers or longer periods of rain. Wind NW, fresh becoming strong to gale. Max 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, showers or longer periods of rain. Wind S, moderate, becoming variable then N to NE, strong. Max 6 to 9C (43 to 48F).

Outlook: Showers dying out in W on Sunday, followed by further rain. Mainly dry and bright in E on Monday. Becoming warmer on Monday.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	8.52 pm	to	5.56 am
Birmingham	8.31 pm	to	5.43 am
Bristol	8.32 pm	to	5.48 am
Glasgow	8.48 pm	to	5.46 am
London	8.22 pm	to	5.38 am
Manchester	8.35 pm	to	5.43 am
Newcastle	8.36 pm	to	5.37 am
Nottingham	8.29 pm	to	5.41 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	8.44 am		9.04 pm
Dover	6.11 am		6.47 pm
Liverpool	6.16 am		7.17 pm

SUN RISES 6.10 am
SUN SETS 7.52 pm
MOON RISES 4.26 am
MOON SETS 12.14 pm
MOON: New April 20.

TOMORROW

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	8.54 pm	to	5.53 am
Birmingham	8.33 pm	to	5.41 am
Bristol	8.34 pm	to	5.46 am
Glasgow	8.50 pm	to	5.43 am
London	8.24 pm	to	5.36 am
Manchester	8.37 pm	to	5.41 am
Newcastle	8.37 pm	to	5.35 am
Nottingham	8.31 pm	to	5.38 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	10.00 am		10.24 pm
Dover	7.36 am		8.26 pm
Liverpool	7.49 am		8.45 pm

SUN RISES 6.08 am
SUN SETS 7.54 pm
MOON RISES 4.51 am
MOON SETS 1.29 pm
MOON: New April 20.

AROUND THE WORLD

LUNCH-TIME REPORTS

	C	F		C	F
Alaccio	c 13	55	Luxembourg	c 5	41
Algiers	s 21	70	Madrid	s 19	66
Amsterdam	c 7	45	Majorca	s 19	66
Athens	s 22	72	Malaga	s 22	72
Barbados	s 28	82	Malta	s 20	68
Barcelona	s 17	63	Manchester	r 9	48
Belgrade	s 18	64	Mallorca	s 19	66
Berlin	c 11	52	*Mexico C	s 25	77
Bermuda	s 19	66	*Miami	s 24	75
Birmingham	s 9	48	*Montreal	s 7	45
Biarritz	s 17	63	Moscow	s 11	52
Bordeaux	s 16	61	Munich	c 11	52
*Boston	s 11	52	Nairobi	s 27	81
Bologna	s 16	61	Naples	s 21	70
Bristol	s 10	50	*Nassau	s 29	84
Brussels	s 11	52	Newcastle	r 8	46
Budapest	s 22	72	New Delhi	s 34	93
*B Aires	s 22	72	*New York	s 9	48
Cardiff	s 10	50	Nice	s 17	63
Cairo	s 31	88	Oporto	s 18	64
Cape Town	s 22	72	Oslo	s 11	52
Casablanca	s 17	63	Paris	s 13	55
*Chicago	s 11	52	Penang	s 29	84
Cologne	s 11	52	Perth	s 29	84
Copenhagen	s 9	48	Prague	s 13	55
Corfu	s 19	66	Reykjavik	c 5	41
Dublin	s 10	50	Rhodes	s 22	72
Dubrovnik	s 18	64	*Rio de J	s 28	82
Edinburgh	s 10	50	Rome	s 15	59
Faro	s 24	75	Salzburg	s 13	55
Florence	s 11	52	Seoul	s 18	64
Frankfurt	s 9	48	Stockholm	s 5	41
Funchal	s 17	63	Strasbourg	s 11	52
Geneva	s 9	48	Sydney	s 24	75
Gibraltar	s 19	66	Tangier	s 20	68
Glasgow	s 9	48	Tel-Aviv	s 29	84
Helsinki	s 3	37	Tenerife	s 22	72
Hong Kong	c 17	63	Tokyo	s 9	48
Innsbruck	s 4	39	Tunis	s 22	72
Inverness	s 10	50	Valencia	s 22	72
Istanbul	s 15	59	*Vancouver	s 11	52
Jerusalem	s 21	70	Venice	s 17	63
Karachi	s 29	84	Vienna	s 10	50
Las Palmas	s 20	68	Wellington	s 18	64
Lisbon	s 19	66	Warsaw	s 14	57
Locarno	s 12	54	Zurich	s 16	61
Leeds	s 10	50	Gibraltar	c 7	45
*L Angeles	s 17	63			

C, cloudy; F, fair; Fg, Fog; R, rain; S, Sunny; Sn, Snow.
*Previous day's readings.

SCOTTISH SKI REPORTS

Cairngorms: Upper and middle runs complete, wet snow on a firm base. Lower slopes, patchy cover on wet snow. Vertical runs, 1,480ft. Roads clear. Snow level, 2,400ft.

Glenshee: Insufficient snow.

Glencoe: Upper runs, some complete, new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes, limited nursery areas, new snow. Vertical runs, 900ft. Roads clear. Snow level, 2,300ft.

Leachi: Upper runs, on snow. Middle runs, some runs complete, spring snow. Lower slopes, patchy cover of wet snow. Vertical runs, 400ft. Roads clear. Snow level 200ft.

Outlook: Sunny intervals and scattered showers, becoming drier later.

SEA PASSAGES

All passages: very rough.

AROUND BRITAIN

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6 pm yesterday:

	Sunshine hours	Rain ins.	Max. Temp. C	F	Weather (Obs)
ENGLAND					
London	7.6	—	14	57	Sunny pm
Birmingham	5.7	.03	11	52	Rain am
Bristol	4.9	.01	10	50	Rain am
Penrith	5.9	.30	12	54	Bright
Liverpool	5.9	.03	12	54	Rain pm
Manchester	5.7	.02	10	50	Rain pm
Nottingham	5.6	.05	11	52	Sunny am
Newcastle	7.0	—	11	52	Sunny am
Carlisle	6.5	.09	9	48	Rain
EAST COAST					
Tynemouth	7.3	.02	11	52	Sunny am
Scarborough	6.5	.30	12	54	Sunny
Bridlington	6.2	.12	12	54	Sunny am
Cromer	9.0	—	13	55	Bright
Lowestoft	8.5	.50	13	55	Sunny pm
Clacton	5.3	.35	12	54	Sunny
Margate	—	—	14	57	Bright
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	10.1	.10	13	55	Sunny
Hastings	10.5	.01	13	55	Sunny
Eastbourne	10.0	.04	13	55	Sunny
Brighton	—	—	13	55	Bright
Worthing	7.7	—	13	55	Sunny am
Littlehampton	7.9	—	13	55	Sunny am
Bognor Regis	8.2	—	13	55	Sunny am
Hayling Is.	7.4	.01	12	54	Sunny am
Southsea	6.8	—	12	54	Sunny am
Ryde	6.3	—	12	54	Bright
Sandown	6.0	—	12	54	Sunny am
Ventnor	6.1	—	12	54	Rain am
Bournemouth	6.0	.01	12	54	Sunny am
Poole	4.9	.01	12	54	Cloudy
Swanage	3.1	.03	11	52	Showers pm
Weymouth	5.8	.04	12	54	Cloudy
Exmouth	1.6	.06	12	54	Cloudy
Teignmouth	2.6	.05	11	52	Cloudy
Torquay	2.3	.06	12	54	Cloudy
Falmouth	0.6	.17	12	54	Rain pm
Penzance	2.0	.15	12	54	Rain pm
Scilly Is.	0.5	.10	12	54	Rain
Jersey	8.5	—	11	52	Cloudy
Guernsey	0.9	—	12	54	Gale pm
WEST COAST					
Newquay	0.5	.07	12	54	Showers
Ilfracombe	2.0	.06	11	52	Rain
Southport	4.7	.04	9	48	Showers pm
Morecambe	4.6	.09	9	48	Bright am
Douglas	3.6	.30	8	46	Rain am
WALES					
Colwyn Bay	4.5	—	11	52	Cloudy pm
Tenby	1.3	.32	10	50	Cloudy
Cardiff	5.4	.12	10	50	Rain pm
Aberdovey	5.3	.14	9	48	Rain pm
SCOTLAND					
Edinburgh	3.0	.20	8	46	Sleet pm
Prestwick	3.1	.09	10	50	Rain pm
Glasgow	3.2	.05	9	48	Rain pm
Tiree	1.6	.36	9	48	Rain pm
Stornoway	4.8	.12	8	46	Rain pm
Lerwick	8.2	—	9	48	Bright
Wick	7.3	—	9	48	Sunny am
Kinloss	6.9	.06	11	52	Rain pm
Aberdeen	8.1	.04	12	54	Rain pm
St Andrews	6.8	—	11	52	Rain pm
Edinburgh	5.7	.02	11	52	Rain pm
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	2.4	.15	11	52	Rain

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) of		State of	
	L	U	Piste	Wther C
Aran	80	150	Good	Fine -1
Recent heavy snowfall				
Craig-Gwatkins	40	150	Good	Snow 0
Good skiing on upper slopes				
Verbier	15	190	Good	Snow +1
New snow on hard base				
Last report of the season, compiled by the Ski Club of Great Britain. L, lower slopes; U, upper slopes.				

MANCHESTER READINGS

From 6 pm Thursday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp 5C (41F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp. 10C (50F). Total period: sunshine, 3.7hrs; rainfall, 0.05in.

SATELLITE PREDICTIONS

The figures give in order, time and visibility, when rising, maximum elevation and direction of setting. An asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

London

Cosmos 58: 21.03–21.07 NW 15NW
NNE; 22.43–22.44 N 10N N; (April 14)
0.20–0.22 NNW 20NNE NNE*
Cosmos 238: 21.08–21.14 WNW 45WSW
SSE*.
Cosmos 358: 20.37–20.38 WNW 10NW
NW.
Cosmos 1427: 20.52–20.58 SW 80NNE
NE; 22.29–22.34 WNW 20NW NNE; (April
14) 1.46–1.47 N 10NNE NNE.
Dynamic Explorer: 21.10–21.17 SSE*
50E N; 22.45–22.51 SW 25W NNW
Intercosmos 19R: 21.16–21.23 SW 60W
NNE.
Meteor 28: 21–20–21.22 NE 15NE ENE*;
22.55–22.56 N 60NW NW*.

Manchester

Cosmos 58: 21.02–21.07 WNW 20NNW
NNE; 22.42–22.43 NNW 15N NNE; (April
14) 0.19–0.22 NNW 25NNE NNE*; 1.56–
1.57 NW 20NW NW*.
Cosmos 238: 21.08–21.14 WNW 40SSW
SSE.
Cosmos 1422: 21.57–21.59 NNW 15N
NNE; 23.32–23.38 NNW 15 N N*.
Cosmos 1427: 20.52–20.58 SSW 65SE
NE; 22.29–22.34 W 25NW NNE; (April 14)
0.08–0.10 NNW 10N NNE; 1.45–1.48 N
15N NE.
Dynamic Explorer: 21.10–21.18 SSE
45ENE N; 22.45–22.52 SW 30NNW NNW.
Intercosmos 19R: 21.16–21.23 SSW
70NNE; 22.29–22.03 WNW 15NW NNW.
Meteor 28: 21.20–21.22 NE 15E E*;
22.54–22.58 NNE 80WSW*; (April 14) NW
15NW W.

LONDON READINGS

From 6 pm Thursday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp 6c (43F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 14C (57F). Total period: sunshine, 7.6hrs, rainfall, 0.01in.

TOMORROW

London

Cosmos 58: 20.42–20.46 WNW 15NW N; 22.22–22.24 NNW 10N NNE; (April 15) 0.00–0.02 N 20NNE NNE*; 1.36–1.37 NW 15NW NW*.
Cosmos 238: 20.46–20.52 WNW 50SSW SE.
Cosmos 1422: 20.54–20.56 NW 10NNW N.
Cosmos 1427: 21.52–21.57 W 20NNW NNE.
Dynamic Explorer: 20.51–20.59 SE 40ENE NNE; 22.26–22.33 SW 30WNW NW.
Intercosmos 19R: 21.57–22.02 W 20WNW N.
Meteor 28: 21.22–21.24 ENE 20E E*; 22.56–23.00 N 55NW WSW*.

Manchester

Cosmos 58: 21.21–22.25 NNW 15N NE; 23.59–0.02 NNW 20NNE NE; (April 15) 1.36–1.37 NW 25NW NW*.
Cosmos 1423: 20.53–20.56 WNW 20NNW N; 22.30–22.31 N 10N NNE.
Cosmos 1427: 21.57–21.57 W 30NNW NNE; 23.30–23.33 NW 15N N; (April 15) 1.08–1.11 NNW 15N NE.
Dynamic Explorer: 20.52–20.59 SE 35ENE 22.26–22.34 SSW 35W NNW.
Intercosmos 19R: 21.57–22.02 WSW 30NW N.
Meteor 28: 21.21–21.24 NE 15E E*; 22.55–23.00 NNE 80WNW SSW*; (April 15) 0.32–0.35 NNW 15NW WNW.



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